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CURRENT TOPICS.

WE MAY, PERHAPS, again direct the attention of our readers to the announcement that both Divisions of the Court of Appeal will, on and after the 15th inst., and during the continuance of the circuits, hear appeals from the chancery lists.

WHEN ALL THE CAUSES in the various lists of the Court of Appeal and High Court are added together, they amount to 2,656, which is just 20 more than were contained in the lists for the Hilary Sittings, 1884. At the last Michaelmas Sittings the aggregate number was 2,554.

THE LIST OF CASES before the Court of Appeal at the commencement of the Hilary Sittings, 1885, contains 10 interlocutory and 211 final appeals from the Chancery Division, being a total of 221; there are also 16 appeals from the County Palatine Court of Lancaster. There are 102 appeals from the Queen's Bench Division, of which 16 are interlocutory and 86 final appeals. The number of appeals from the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division is 2, and from the Bankruptcy tribunal 17, making a total of 358 appeals. At the commencement of the last sittings the total number of appeals was 422, and a year ago, 375.

THERE ARE in the Chancery Cause List for the Hilary Sittings 165 cases before Vice-Chancellor BACON, consisting of a mixed list of 139 witness and non-witness actions, 21 adjourned summonses, and 5 further considerations. Before Mr. Justice KAY there are 79 witness and 11 non-witness actions, 13 adjourned summonses, and 5 further considerations, making a total of 108 matters. Mr. Justice CHITTY has 115 witness actions, 88 non-witness actions, including summonses, and a mixed list of 12 further considerations and "procedure summonses," making a total of 215. There are 131 witness actions only in the list of Mr. Justice NORTH; and Mr. Justice PEARSON has a list of 160 cases, consisting of 26 witness actions, 94 non-witness actions and summonses, 29 adjourned summonses, class IV., and 11 further considerations. Thus the total number of cases in the chancery lists is 779, as against 842 at the commencement of the last sittings, and 824 at Hilary, 1884.

IN THE CAUSE LIST for the Queen's Bench Division for the Hilary Sittings we find 49 cases in the new trial paper, 2 in the special paper, 42 opposed motions, 79 cases in the Crown paper, and 5 in the Revenue paper. There are also 476 actions with juries and 484 without juries, besides 26 motions and appeals in bankruptcy. The total number of cases in the Queen's Bench Division list is 1,163. At the Michaelmas Sittings the total was 1,365, and, a year ago, 1,025.

IN THE CAUSE LIST of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division the probate causes are 34 in number, consisting of 23 to be heard before the court without a jury, and 4 to be heard with common juries and 7 with special juries. At the commencement of the last sittings the number of probate causes was 34, and, a year ago, 41. The Matrimonial Cause List exhibits the titles of 260 causes, of which 141 are undefended and 80 defended, and

there are 21 causes to be heard with common juries and 8 with special juries. At the Michaelmas Sittings the matrimonial causes, including 82 standing over or part heard, amounted to 288, and, a year ago, to 387. There are also in the list 72 admiralty actions, as compared with 25 at the last sittings, and 24 a year ago.

WE BELIEVE that the Board of Trade have, after all, determined to appeal against Mr. Justice CAVE's decision in *Ex parte Turquand (Trustee), In re Parkers* (*ante*, p. 132). The Board of Trade at one time took up the position that an official receiver, in his capacity of trustee, was authorized by the Act to realize the debtor's property either before or after adjudication. This position the Department now appears, to a certain extent, to have abandoned, and they no longer contend that a sale of the debtor's property, before adjudication, comes within the scope of the Act. The question which the Court of Appeal will be asked to decide will probably be this: Has an official receiver, after adjudication, but before the appointment of a creditors' trustee, power to realize a debtor's property beyond merely disposing of goods of a perishable nature? It is not impossible that, before the appeal comes on for hearing, some re-arrangement of the system of fees will have been effected. The fee of six per cent. on the net assets realized is certainly very objectionable. In the first place, it makes it difficult for the official receiver to act impartially in deciding whether an immediate sale is, or is not, desirable; and, in the second place, it does not necessarily represent the amount of work done for the estate.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us of a somewhat novel device on the part of a landlord, intended to avoid waiver of forfeiture by receipt of rent. The landlord will only give a receipt for rent in the following form: "Received of A. B., without prejudice to any breaches of covenant made up to this time, in the lease you hold under, the sum of £ . . ." Our correspondent is apprehensive that when he comes to sell his leasehold property difficulties will arise as to this form of receipt. The landlord who thinks that, by giving this peculiar form of receipt, he can prevent the receipt of rent from operating as a waiver of any forfeiture of which he may be aware, must be ignorant of the decisions of the Court of Queen's Bench in *Oroft v. Lumley* (5 E. & B. 648, see p. 680), and of the Privy Council in *Davenport v. Reg.* (L. R. 3 App. Cas. 115). The effect of those decisions is that, where money is paid and received as rent under a lease, no protest by the landlord that it is accepted conditionally, and without prejudice to the right to insist upon a prior forfeiture, will countervail the effect of the receipt of the money as rent in waiving the forfeiture. The decision of the House of Lords in *Oroft v. Lumley* (6 H. L. Cas. 672) did not turn upon the question whether the forfeiture had been waived, and Lord WENSLYDALE, who expressed a doubt whether the money had been received by the lessor as rent, had apparently no doubt (see p. 746) that if the money had been received as rent it would have waived the forfeiture, notwithstanding the protest of the lessor that he did not take it as waiving the forfeiture. We think, therefore, that our correspondent need not feel any great uneasiness about the effect of the peculiar form of receipt given by his landlord, even if it should be persisted in. But probably, when the utter uselessness of the device is pointed out, the landlord will consent to give a receipt in the usual form. In any case, however, it will be desirable to have it stated on the receipt that the money is accepted as rent.

THE BENEVOLENT CONSTRUCTION which has been given to the provisions of the Settled Land Act, 1882, by its judicial interpreters

in England, contrasts very strongly with the attitude assumed towards the Act by the Vice-Chancellor of Ireland in a recent case of *Burke v. Gore* (L. R. Ir. 13 Ch. D. 367). In delivering judgment, he said, "I have had occasion more than once to express my opinion here that the administration of the Act requires great care and vigilance to guard against its extraordinary powers being used to injure or defraud persons entitled in remainder. It confers powers upon tenants for life to deal with settled property nearly as if they were absolute owners, imposing checks and conditions upon the exercise of those powers which, I fear, will, in many cases, be found insufficient to prevent disastrous consequences. With its policy I have nothing to do; but, in administering it, I do not think that its provisions are to be enlarged beyond what its terms require." And he added, with regard to the exercise of the discretion given by section 38 to appoint trustees under the settlement for the purposes of the Act, that "the greatest caution is necessary in its exercise. When once trustees are thus appointed, they and the tenant for life, at whose instance application for their appointment will generally take place, become, in fact, complete masters of the fund. In my opinion, the court, on an application to appoint trustees under the section, should not only require to be satisfied of the fitness of the proposed trustees, but also that the purpose for which their appointment is applied for is such as to render their appointment safe and beneficial to all parties interested." In the case with regard to which these observations were made, there was in court, to the credit of an action to administer the trusts of a will, a fund representing certain residuary personal estate subject to a trust for investment in the purchase of lands situate in the counties of Cork and Tyrone to be settled to the same uses as the testator's real estate, which was devised in strict settlement. No opportunity had occurred for making such investment, and it was desired to have the fund invested on mortgage of estates in the counties named. It was urged that the fund in court was "money in the hands of trustees under a settlement, and liable to be laid out in the purchase of land to be made subject to the settlement," and that, therefore, under section 33, the trustees of the will might, "at the option of the tenant for life, invest or apply" the money "as capital money arising under the Act." But the Vice-Chancellor refused to accede to this view. He pointed out that the money was not "in the hands of trustees," but in court. "This," he said, "is the only section that treats money as capital money under the Act which has not been produced by some dealing with settled land under its provisions. I cannot find any clause which treats the court as a trustee for its purposes."

A QUAIN'T RESULT of the provisions of section 8 of the Solicitors' Remuneration Act, 1881, is revealed by a letter which will be found elsewhere. An enterprising architect seems to have conceived the brilliant idea that a system which is universally applied to the builder of a house cannot be inapplicable to the constructor of the conveyance of the plot of land on which the house is to be built. Accordingly, the architect sent round to three solicitors of the town invitations to tender for preparation of conveyance, adding specifications of the work to be done, with careful provision against "extras," and directing "sealed estimates to be delivered" at a place, and not later than a time, named at the foot of the letter. Our correspondents, unfortunately, leave us without information as to whether any, and, if so, how many, tenders were sent in, and whether the amounts of the tenders were duly published in the local or architectural journals; or whether the deviser of this little scheme found himself, like so many other inventors, somewhat ahead of the age, and unable to obtain any appreciation of his effort.

THE NUMBERS of the police and constabulary for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1883, being the last to which the returns relate, show an increase of 1,318 on the year 1882. Their total number in 1883 was 34,488, being at the rate of one constable for every 774 of the estimated population. The cost of the police was £3,367,678, being an increase of £103,341 as compared with the year 1881-2. Towards the total cost, £1,322,526 was contributed from the public revenue.

CONCERNING LAW REPORTING.

THERE has been recently a good deal of discussion on the subject of Law Reporting, arising, to some extent, from the rivalry between the different sets of reports. The subject is one beset with difficulties, and the position of the law reporter strongly recalls to the mind the ancient fable of the man and his son and the ass. It is impossible for any law reports to give perfect satisfaction, for the simple reason that there are strongly conflicting tendencies at work in the matter which, so far as we can see, can never be reconciled. One portion of the legal public—and that, perhaps, the most exacting and demonstrative—is always crying out that enough cases are not reported, or that cases are not reported with sufficient fulness; another portion of the public, whose grievance, perhaps, does not find such loud expression, but, nevertheless, is most deeply felt, complains that too many cases are reported and reports are not sufficiently condensed.

We have a strong opinion that the views of the latter portion are the sounder in tendency, but there is very great difficulty, practically speaking, in giving full effect to them; the influences that work in the opposite direction being so powerful. Counsel, as a rule, especially counsel on their promotion, have a very strong tendency to think each his own cases reportable. Judges are not always so free as might be desired in the case of such august sages of the law from the weakness of thinking their own judgments of greater importance, as precedents, than they are. Reporters are frequently (it is almost a daily occurrence) unjustly complained of under such circumstances as these: a counsel or a judge remembers that some time ago he argued a case, or somebody else argued a case, or a case was discussed before him, in which such and such a point was very fully dealt with. He entirely forgets, however—not having a note as the reporter has of the judgment, and the human memory, even in the case of judges and counsel, being fallible—how it came to pass that, there being a good deal of doubt and, perhaps, difference (not, perhaps, without some amount of heat generated by friction) on the bench about the point, the actual judgment delivered ultimately was made subject to such limitations, or turned on such special considerations, that the point was not actually decided, and no real precedent worthy of report was created. Complaint is, nevertheless, made, without hesitation, in such cases, "Why was not that case reported? The reporters do not report half the cases they ought," &c., &c. One would imagine, from what is often said, that it is supposed that the reporter should report every case in which a point of law is discussed, whatever may be decided. If this loose kind of discretion were employed by the reporter, we should doubt whether any library would contain the *Law Reports* after a few years. Judges and others sometimes speak as if the reporter had some strong personal interest in suppressing cases. The truth is, that he has only a very limited interest in doing so, and would often rather have the trouble of fashioning a report out of the note he has taken than the responsibility of suppressing the case.

Again, there is another obstacle to restriction and condensation. The competition that exists in every department of industry finds its place in law reporting. There are sharp eyes ever seeking to find out any place where a nail may be driven with effect, and the danger of leaving a field open for competitors prevents any such condensation of reports as a recent correspondent of the *Times* suggests. If any set of reports were to be restrictive in regard to the reports admitted, or to be condensed beyond a certain point, they would find competitors taking advantage of the fact. Already we hear of a supplemental series of reports, something midway between the regular reports and weekly notes. We believe that in a very great many cases a speedy, accurate, and comparatively condensed report of a case such as the *WEEKLY REPORTER* often finds it sufficient to give (its *raison d'être* being, to some extent, different from that of the *Law Reports*), is quite enough, for all practical purposes, as the final record of the decision, but we doubt whether the *Law Reports* could venture on a similar amount of condensation. If the reporter were to condense judgments or facts to any greater extent than is done already, at once Mr. Justice So-and-so would be writing to the editor to know why his judgments were so inadequately reported, and counsel would be getting up in court and saying, "The facts, my lord, are to be found reported much more fully in such and such other set of reports." The truth is that, so long as the principles of private enterprise and unrestricted com-

petition are applied to law reporting, we do not see how any such condensation as is contemplated can be effected in so-called "authorized reports." At the present day it would be quite impossible to establish any monopoly in the matter of law reporting.

But, although we fear that the influences to the contrary are too strong to permit of any very much greater restriction or condensation of reportable matter than at present, yet we have a strong feeling that the considerations in the direction of such restriction and condensation are most weighty. The amount of matter that accumulates yearly is almost appalling. The *Law Reports* have only been established fifteen years, and yet they form by themselves quite a respectable library. What is to become of our grandchildren who take to the study of the law? The complaint is often heard against the *Law Reports* that they report too little. We should like, if it were possible (which it is not), to have statistics of the amount to which each case, after being reported, is cited. We have a strong notion that a great many cases in the *Law Reports* are very little disturbed in their slumbers. It really does seem to us that instead of swelling the idle cry of complaint that is often made, perhaps without much consideration by its maker, that the reporters have not reported such and such a case, every thoughtful man who wishes well to the study of the law ought to throw his weight in the direction of encouraging the reporter to resist the pressure that is constantly being put upon him to cumber the books with useless or insufficiently useful cases, to the great detriment of the existing race of lawyers, and the still greater detriment of posterity.

THE ORGANIZATION OF A SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

I. ORGANIZATION GENERALLY.

11.—THE RELATIONS OF SOLICITOR TO CLIENT IN MONEY MATTERS.

The observations which we may have to offer on the relationship of solicitor and client in most of its aspects will fall more appropriately under the second and third divisions of our subject, in which we shall treat of the transaction of various classes of contentious and non-contentious business; but in the larger and more general sense of our present division there are some few points coming within the title to this article to which we may now allude.

Foremost among the points of contact between a solicitor and his client is—money. Whether it be the wish of the latter to lend or to borrow, to buy or to sell, to enforce or to resist a claim, to create or administer a trust, or whatever other occasion may bring him to his solicitor's office, it is tolerably sure that—apart from any question of a bill of costs, with which we are not now concerning ourselves—money of the client will come into his solicitor's hands to pass out of them again on the spot, or remain there in suspense for a more or less extended period, according to circumstances. It is a very rare—perhaps an unprecedented—occurrence for a solicitor of any considerable practice not to have money in his keeping belonging to clients. What should he do with it?

Let us first see what he does do with it.

Some solicitors make a rule of placing it at their bankers to a deposit account, thus rigidly separating it from their own money. This rule, may, no doubt, be regarded as subject to exceptions in those numerous cases in which the money is received with one hand, only to be paid away with the other at an interval of hours or days. In such cases few solicitors are probably to be found who carry the principle of separation to the extent of keeping a separate drawing account for the alien money. Where the rule now under notice is adopted, there is a difference of opinion, and consequently of practice, as to the destination of the interest on the deposit. One solicitor will consider his client, ordinarily speaking, entitled to it, while another, no whit less scrupulous in his dealings, will feel at liberty to put it in his own pocket as being in the nature of compensation for his care and responsibility. On this point we must side with the former view, assuming, of course, the absence of any special arrangement with the client.

Other solicitors do not, except in very special circumstances, adopt the deposit system, but make it their practice to pay their clients' money into a separate drawing account.

Other solicitors also eschew the system of deposit, but differ from the second class in that they mix their clients' money with their own, in the sense of keeping it in the same banking account. By their mode of book-keeping, however, they separate it for practical

purposes almost as rigidly as in the first and second cases. They will always keep themselves informed of the state of the banking account as between their own and their clients' money, and in no circumstances touch the latter, whether for office disbursements or personal purposes, until and unless it has ceased to possess its distinctive character.

Others mix it with their own money in a common account, and partly from laxity of system, and partly from a consciousness that they can at all times meet their obligations, do not, except at long intervals perhaps, pay any special regard to the relations which *nemus* and *tuum* bear to each other in the balance at the bank for the time being, when a cheque is drawn.

Others—we are now descending immensely in the moral scale—not only mix their clients' money with their own, but use it for their own purposes, in the expectation or hope that money will come in from some other source to replace what has gone out before they have to account for the latter. The degree of impropriety in such cases ranges from the act of a man who can, if it comes to a real pinch, make up any deficiency by a special effort, and whose mode of proceeding represents not much more or less than trading unscrupulously with capital borrowed from other people without their knowledge, still less their permission, to the default which culminates with an application to the court 'In the Matter of a Solicitor.' But the highest degree is not removed by very many shades from the lowest, and experience shows that a man who begins with the one, having no intention at the time of ever stepping over it, frequently arrives by easy stages at the other.

Of the various methods which we have mentioned, the first and second may be classed together as being undoubtedly the most absolutely correct. The principle of total separation of the client's money from the solicitor's money is, in each case, precisely the same, and the point of divergence turns upon a matter of opinion on what may be termed a purely banking question. In favour of the deposit system, it is to be said that it results in some increment to the money; against it, that (unless where the solicitor's banking transactions are so large as to enable him to dictate his own terms in the matter of withdrawal) it is less elastic and convenient where there is any probability of the money being wanted at short notice. The particular circumstances will largely help to indicate the balance as between these *pro* and *cons*, and individual preference must be left to do the rest.

It appears to us, however, that if the third system be only accurately worked, and carefully adhered to, there is not much to be said against it, and that it may, perhaps, even be entitled to some slight preference as avoiding the risk of the confusion which is apt to arise at times where different accounts are kept by the same person at the same bank, as giving less trouble, and as permitting more easily of the transition which often takes place in the character in which the money is held. We believe that this third plan is far more commonly adopted than the first or second.

The fourth possesses disadvantages too obvious to need comment.

The fifth, in its least culpable aspect, is quite incompatible with a high sense of honour. We have no desire to assume the distinguishing mantle of that form of unbending virtue which makes no allowance for temptation or circumstances. We freely admit that to the solicitor who is making £5,000 a year, scrupulous integrity and regularity in money matters involve no sacrifice whatever of comfort or convenience, that they are, in fact, rather pleasant than otherwise; and we admit as freely that to the struggler in a small way of business, and a large way of family, it must be a grievous temptation to draw £50 out of that £100 in the bank belonging to A. until next week, when B. is certain to pay his bill of twice the amount, and so put it all straight. But this is only another form of the excuse of the starving man who steals a loaf. The interests of the community require that the act of abstracting intentionally that which belongs to another shall, in all circumstances, be regarded as wrongful, and while in particular cases, where this inexorable law is transgressed, there may be circumstances of palliation, or a loop-hole, which may just remove the act out of the shadow of the Old Bailey, there never can be justification. A solicitor, if he would sleep at night and keep his honour stainless, should set his face steadily towards the only true rule of conduct, and consider money in his possession, which does not belong to him, as effectually removed from his reach as if it were at the bottom of the sea.

There is another aspect of the relations of solicitor and client in money matters in which the dividing line between right and wrong is in some cases sufficiently obscure to deceive the eyes of men who have every intention of dealing justly, though we cannot but think that the obscurity is due to fallacies not very difficult to detect when they are examined a little closely. We live in an age of backstairs commissions. There is scarcely a business transaction of any importance into which the element of a secret commission does not creep. If A. sells, we will say a colliery, to B., he will, perhaps, pay a large commission to C. for bringing about the sale, and C. will, so to speak, hardly get round the corner before D., E., and F. will swoop

down upon him for agreed fractional proportions of the prey, which they claim on the ground of having introduced somebody to somebody else who knew somebody else who has had something to do with the sale. It is not unknown in the history of such transactions for B., the purchaser, to be also under obligation to pay a commission to the devouring C., which may have to be shared, in like manner, with other gentry. In such a case A. presumably pays C. a commission for bringing about a sale of the colliery at such a large price to B., and B. pays C. a commission for enabling him to buy it so cheaply. C.'s dual position does credit to his ingenuity, but scarcely present him otherwise in a favourable light. With commission as a mode of remuneration for solid work and labour done we have no concern; we are speaking strictly of that species which often represents little or no real work, and is arranged, as it were, in the background, and concealed from the knowledge of some one or more persons who might have something disagreeable to say about it.

It cannot, we think, be denied that solicitors who practise in towns have, more or less, often obstructed before them, directly or indirectly, commissions falling under this head. To take an imaginary, but by no means impossible, case. A man who is in pressing need of money will generally pay extravagantly to get it, unless he can offer an immaculate security. His desire will filter through two or three people until it reaches a solicitor who is known or believed to have the command of a good deal of money, and a lavish commission far exceeding any recognized rate of professional remuneration will be offered to the latter as an inducement to obtain the sum wanted. That is the first stage. The solicitor looks about him, bethinks him that the security will probably tempt his client A., and brings it before him, with the result that the transaction is carried out. That is the second stage. The solicitor receives his commission, but he does not disclose to A. that he has gained six times as much by the proceeding as would be represented by the ordinary charges incurred on behalf of a mortgagor and paid by the mortgagor. That is the third stage. Has the solicitor acted rightly or not? It may be said on his side that his client, who is freed from all expense himself, has nothing to do with the amount which the mortgagor chooses to pay; that the security is a fair one for the amount of the loan and the rate of interest; that the mortgagee is well suited with the investment; and that his interests have been zealously protected. Against this the mortgagee might, perhaps, reason on this wise:—"You brought this loan to me in the character of my solicitor, and gave me no indication that you had any special personal interest, other than your ordinary professional earnings, to gain by my falling in with the proposal. But all the time your duty and your interest were in conflict; and even granting that you intended to do the right thing by me, the position which you occupied would have tempted you insensibly, and almost in spite of yourself, to regard the security with favourable eyes, and blind yourself to its defects. My interests would not have been the paramount consideration guiding your actions. Moreover, the fact that the mortgagee paid you so heavily for the accommodation may well have been an element considered by him in the terms which he offered to a lender. Had he paid you less he might have offered me a better rate of interest, or given the same security for a smaller loan. I do not say that, had I known all the circumstances, I should have declined to advance the loan, but my complaint is that you, to whom I looked to advise and protect me in the matter, have suppressed a fact which might have materially affected my decision."

To our thinking the argument on the solicitor's side is a piece of sophistry, and that of the client unanswerable on any right-minded principle. We hold that the latter is entitled to be informed of every fact that can affect his own judgment, or colour that of his solicitor, and that whether the transaction be a sale, loan, or anything else, the solicitor is bound in honour (we purposely put aside all questions of law) to disclose to his own client any special interest which he has in bringing about a particular result over and above that which the latter would assume, in the ordinary course of things, to be the case.

There is another class of commission which comes in the solicitor's way and presents, in our opinion, much more debatable ground. It is well known that nearly all of the life insurance offices encourage solicitors to act as agents in the matter of introducing business, and allow a more or less liberal commission on the premiums of policies effected through their aid. It is also the custom of many stockbrokers of the highest respectability to share with a solicitor who introduces business to them the brokerage which they charge on a sale or purchase of stock. These are the principal instances of the sort of commission we now have in mind, but there may, no doubt, be others of lesser importance. Looking at the matter from the client's point of view, it is difficult to see what ground of complaint he really has even if kept in ignorance of this fact, unless, in the cases we have supposed, he could contend either that for the sake of the commission his solicitor had piloted him to a life office not offering advantages so great as he could have obtained elsewhere, or to a broker of indifferent reputation, or again, that the life office and the broker had in their several ways

imposed terms unfavourable to him because they had to provide for the loss represented by the solicitor's commission. It would be very difficult to find a case in which such a contention as that would not be readily displaced on an impartial examination of the facts. It may certainly be argued very plausibly that if a life office, a broker, or anyone else who does a particular class of business on terms that are universally known and accepted thinks fit, wisely or unwisely, to forego legitimate earnings in favour of a solicitor who brings business, and the client pays not a shilling more or less than he would have done without the intervention of his solicitor, and enters into the transaction without any unfair pressure or misrepresentation as to its nature and terms so far as they concern him, the solicitor's commission is a matter which concerns alone the parties paying and receiving it. But, granting that the client does not suffer in any shape or form, we think that the real spot on the argument which we have suggested is that as between solicitor and client there is *concealment*. The word carries with it an ugly flavour at all times, and the instinct which makes it an accepted axiom with all classes, that a man does not conceal a thing unless he has a reason for doing so, is rarely indeed at fault. Reduced to its bare elements, the operation means that a portion of the money paid by the client to a third person finds its way into the pockets of the solicitor of the former; and, even conceding to the fullest extent that, if the solicitor were removed from the trio, the client would not be the gainer by a shilling, we think that honour and right dealing weigh down the scales—not, perhaps, by much, but still perceptibly—in favour of the proposition that the client should be made aware of the fact. We are supported in this view by the undoubted fact that it is the generally-recognized practice among solicitors to act in accordance with it.

We will give one instance of the abuse to which the system of commission is liable to lead when it is once allowed to take root in a solicitor's office. The case is specially instructive as showing that it is useful at times to watch clerks in such matters. The solicitors for the defendant in a heavy action invited the plaintiff's solicitors to concur in sharing the expense of the taking and transcribing shorthand notes of the trial, and to allow the work to be done jointly by the shorthand writers usually employed by the respective firms. The suggestion was made verbally to a managing clerk who had charge of the case, but he expressed himself as unable to fall in with it, for reasons which seemed very inadequate. Long after the trial, the true reason came to light, as the result of a discovery made by the clerk's employers. He had been in the habit of receiving a commission from the shorthand writer employed to do the firm's work, and it was consequently to his interest that an arrangement reducing the profits of that individual should not be made.

REVIEWS.

FISHER'S DIGEST.

A DIGEST OF THE REPORTED DECISIONS OF THE COURTS OF COMMON LAW, BANKRUPTCY, PROBATE, ADMIRALTY, AND DIVORCE; TOGETHER WITH A SELECTION FROM THOSE OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY AND IRISH COURTS FROM 1756 TO 1883 INCLUSIVE. FOUNDED ON FISHER'S DIGEST. BY JOHN MEWS; ASSISTED BY C. M. CHAPMAN, HENRY H. W. SPARHAM, AND A. H. TODD, BARRISTERS-AT-LAW. SEVEN VOLUMES. H. SWEET; STEVENS & SONS; W. MAXWELL & SON.

Fisher's Digest has long been one of the most useful working tools of the common law barrister. Whatever question might come before him for solution, he found in his Fisher a means of getting at the cases in point. We have indeed heard it contended that, with Fisher and the Chronological Index of Statutes at hand, common law textbooks are unnecessary; for, as no experienced lawyer trusts the general statements of the compilers of these books, they merely afford him a reference to the names of cases, while Fisher gives the substance of each decision. There is, of course, some exaggeration in this, for text-books are, or ought to be, guides to principles to be deduced from a series of cases, as well as indexes of the cases themselves. But it is unquestionable that a digest such as that originally prepared by Mr. Harrison, and greatly improved by Mr. Fisher, enables the lawyer to wade through the cases, and to arrive with very little trouble at those which bear on the question before him.

In the present work we have a consolidation of Fisher's Harrison's Digest, published in 1870, with the Digest of the Cases from 1870 to 1880, which was published in the last-mentioned year, and with the annual digests by Mr. Mews, published since that year, down to the Digest for 1883. The work, however, is far from being a mere reproduction of Fisher. The cases have been re-arranged under comprehensive general titles, and these, again, have been divided into numerous sub-titles, which are frequently

again sub-divided. And, lastly, the cases themselves are headed with catchwords, printed in heavy type, so as to enable the reader at once to ascertain the particular subject of the decision. The extent to which this sub-division is carried will be understood by a reference to the comparatively limited title, "Bills of Sale," which is divided into fourteen sub-titles, and the tenth of these sub-titles, "Registration," is again divided into seven heads, the first of these heads, "Affidavit," being broken up into four divisions. The result is that the lawyer who wishes to find the cases on, say, the description of the grantor in a bill of sale, has only to glance at the index prefixed to the subject, "Bills of Sale." He finds at once, under 10, a, iii., the page of the subject he wants; turns to page 1870, and has before him, in six columns, the cases arranged under catchwords, leading him speedily to the particular cases bearing on the point before him. Whatever may be thought of the principle of arrangement which has been adopted, there can be no doubt that great pains have been bestowed on the sifting of the cases. The numerous cross-references to the general titles which have been introduced render reference still more easy.

In the matter of references to cases, also, not less anxiety to consult the reader's convenience has been shown. All the different series of reports are cited; cases decided by the Court of Appeal are distinguished by the letters "C. A."; and, in some cases, it is stated whether the decision of that court affirms or reverses that of the court below, with references to the reports of the case below. We do not quite understand the principle on which this information is given or omitted. Where (as, for instance, at columns 891, 1203, and at several other places) the decision in the court below is reported under a different name, the practice is extremely useful; but, in other cases, we rather question the necessity for it. The effect is sometimes a little embarrassing. Thus, at column 103, with reference to the much-litigated pig case of *Wood v. Hobbs*, we have, first, four references to reports of the decision of the Court of Appeal; then the words, "affirmed by the House of Lords," with four other references; and then the words, "reversing the judgment of the Queen's Bench Division," with four more references.

In a work of this kind, intended for ready reference, the selection of type is an important matter, and in this respect there is a great improvement on Fisher. The general headings are distinguished by a large heavy type; and they are repeated in a lighter type throughout the portion of the volume occupied by the heading, at the top of the page; and are also, in the case of the more extensive subjects, accompanied with the title of the sub-divisions. The type of the catchwords is admirably bold and clear, and the book is throughout exceptionally well printed.

The important question remains as to the mode of arrangement adopted. As to this, we think there can be no question that the editors are right in taking as the foundation of their divisions broad general heads which are familiar landmarks to all lawyers, and then arranging in convenient groups the cases falling under each of these heads; inserting also cross-references so as to secure that no one shall look in vain. The broad general heads, so far as we have observed, are well selected, and in most cases the sub-heads are arranged in proper sequence. It would, of course, be easy to suggest with reference to particular heads—e.g., "Landlord and Tenant," and "Husband and Wife"—an arrangement of the sub-heads which would be more symmetrical; but this is a matter of no great consequence. A point of much more importance is to see that all the cases relating to the same point are brought together. In general, so far as our observations have gone, this has been done very satisfactorily. There are, of course, instances where cases have been improperly severed from each other; for instance, under "Building Society" the cases of *Wright v. Monarch, &c.* *Society*, in column 1932, and *Hack v. London Provident Building Society*, in column 1933, should have immediately followed *Mulkern v. Lord*, in column 1935, and the catch words should have indicated that in the former cases the society was incorporated, and in the latter case not. But, taking the whole work, we think that, in every respect, it is a great improvement on Fisher. The care and thought which have been bestowed on its arrangement do infinite credit to the editors, and we hope that the book will find its way into the shelves, not only of barristers, but also of many solicitors.

When the courts re-open for the Hilary Sittings on Monday next, there will be nine judges of the Queen's Bench Division away at the Winter Assizes—viz., Lord Coleridge, C.J., Pollock, B., and Denman, Hawkins, Manisty, Stephen, Cave, Smith, and Wills, J.J. There will consequently remain but six judges at the beginning of the sittings to carry on the business of the Queen's Bench Division, one of whom, Field, J., will have to be in attendance at chambers until the return of Denman, J., from the assizes. Special jury causes will not be proceeded with before February; but two or three courts will sit daily for the trial of actions without juries and common jury cases, and one court, it is expected, will sit in *cause* to hear unopposed and opposed motions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

STAMP DUTY ON CONVEYANCE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION IN PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO TERMINATING BUILDING SOCIETY.

[To the Editor of the *Solicitors' Journal*.]

Sir.—Questions often arise as to the amount of duty to be paid on a conveyance of the equity of redemption in property mortgaged to a terminating building society. I have recently had a case of this kind, upon which I took the opinion of the commissioners. After several interviews with the solicitor of the department, the decision given was that duty must be calculated on the actual money payment, and on the amount originally advanced by the society, if the sum required to redeem the security was equal to or greater than the original advance; or upon the amount required for redemption if less than the advance.

As this differs from the adjudication under the old Stamp Acts, to which I referred the solicitor, it may interest some of your readers to know the result. The case was *Gold v. Phillips*, 15th of December, 1884.

January 1.

HENRY F. A. DAVIS.

[It would be of great service to the profession if our readers would send us more frequently the results of their adjudications as to stamp duty.—ED. S. J.]

RECEIPT FOR GROUND RENT.

[To the Editor of the *Solicitors' Journal*.]

Sir.—I pay some ground-rent to a landlord who will only give me a receipt upon a printed form, which runs thus: "Received of A. B., without prejudice to any breaches of covenant made up to this time in the lease you hold under, the sum of," &c. The difficulty I shall have when I come to sell the property is obvious.

I suppose I am obliged to take this receipt or none at all, and I cannot withhold the rent if the objectionable words are insisted on; but if you, or any of your readers, can help me to any means of getting rid of what appears to me an unjustifiable depreciation of the value of my property I shall be greatly obliged.

G.

London, Jan. 6.

[See observations under the head of Current Topics.—ED. S. J.]

TENDERS FOR CONVEYANCING WORK.

[To the Editor of the *Solicitors' Journal*.]

Sir.—We have been shown a letter in the form below which had been sent by an architect to three solicitors of this town.

We consider it rather unique, and should be glad if you could find room to reproduce it in your next issue.

S. & M.

Jan. 7.

[The following is the letter referred to:—

"T_____

"January 6th, 1885.

"Dear Sir,—Mr. _____, of _____, will be obliged if you will kindly let him know your charges for making conveyance of a plot of land from _____ to him, the plot containing _____ yards, chief [?] rent] £ _____, and consideration £ _____.

"Price to include all expenses out of pocket, stamps, &c.—I am, yours faithfully,

"P.S.—Sealed estimates to be delivered at Mr. _____'s not later than 1 p.m. to-day (Tuesday)."]

The *Albany Law Journal* puts the question involved in *The Mignonette case* in a nutshell: "The simple question is, is hunger an excuse for murder? It certainly is not, any more than for larceny. . . . The defendants must rely on the clemency of the Crown, whereas if the case had been left to the jury out-and-out, it might have been found that they were not in a state of mind to be morally responsible. The well-fed Briton has a very tender feeling for all hungry men except Frenchmen."

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says that the Premier and the Lord Chancellor have been recently communicated with in favour of the appointment of a Royal Commission for the purpose of considering and preparing a commercial code for the United Kingdom. The laws affecting mercantile matters differ in Scotland and Ireland from those in force in England and Wales, and in all of them there appears to be great need of codification. Private associations have succeeded in codifying the law as to bills of exchange, but the general codification of mercantile law could not be effectively done by private effort. The Lord Chancellor has promised to receive a deputation on the subject soon after the opening of Parliament.

OBITUARY.

MR. MARTIN KEMP WELCH.

Mr. Martin Kemp Welch, solicitor, late of Poole, died at his residence, Woodlands, Parkstone, on the 17th ult., at the age of eighty. Mr. Welch was born in 1804. He was admitted a solicitor in 1826, and for many years he had a large business at Poole and Bournemouth. He was formerly in partnership with Mr. John Duran, and more recently he was associated with Mr. Wheeler Aldridge. Mr. Welch was clerk to the borough magistrates at Poole from 1840 till 1871, when he was succeeded in that office by his son, Mr. Edwin Buckland Kemp Welch, who was admitted a solicitor in 1867. He had a large private practice, and he had acted as agent for the Liberal party in many elections, both for Dorsetshire and for the borough of Poole. He retired from practice in 1871, and he was shortly afterwards elected a member of the Poole Town Council. About two years later he became an alderman, and, in 1874, he was elected mayor of Poole. He had also been for many years a magistrate for the borough. Mr. Welch was an active supporter of all public enterprizes affecting the welfare of Poole and the surrounding district. He was one of the promoters of the Poole Gas and Coke Company, and he obtained an Act for bringing a supply of water to the town. He was one of the earliest shareholders in the Somerset and Dorset Railway Company, and he was instrumental in first establishing a line of telegraph wires between Poole and Bournemouth. He had also invested large sums of money in promoting the development of the oyster fisheries at Poole. Mr. Welch was married in 1827 to Miss Elizabeth Sophia Forest, but he became a widower in 1844. He was buried at the Poole Cemetery on the 20th ult. A Bournemouth paper says of Mr. Welch, "He was a man who, whilst engaged in the most onerous duties, and the most exciting of political contests, never turned aside to do a mean or dishonourable act, and he was also a man across whose escutcheon there was no stain. Possessed of a clear and well-balanced mind he well weighed every matter which came before him, and whatever he deemed right he fearlessly carried out. His only failing—if it may be so designated—was his desire to help everybody needing his help. This willingness to help others he extended to all classes, and, as a result, his death will be a loss to a much greater extent than many people suppose, for his charitable gifts to private individuals, and his many subscriptions and donations to philanthropic and useful institutions, were only bounded by his means, and of him it may with truth be said that he never turned away a case deserving his sympathy."

MR. SAMUEL MARTIN BEALE.

Mr. Samuel Martin Beale, solicitor, died suddenly at Worcester, from heart disease, on the 24th ult. Mr. Beale was born in 1832. He was educated at Rugby, under Dr. Tait, and he was admitted a solicitor in 1854, having served his articles with Mr. John Stallard, of Worcester. He was for many years in practice at Worcester, and he was formerly registrar of the Malvern County Court. In 1880 he was appointed registrar of the Worcester County Court (Circuit No. 23), jointly with Mr. Henry Crisp, and he was also one of the district registrars at Worcester under the Judicature Acts. Mr. Beale was a perpetual commissioner for Worcestershire and the city of Worcester, and his private practice was an extensive one.

MR. HENRY LOVIBOND.

Mr. Henry Lovibond, solicitor, of Bridgewater, was killed on Christmas-day by falling from his horse while riding in the neighbourhood of his residence at Uphill. Mr. Lovibond was born in 1821. He was admitted a solicitor in 1854, and for nearly thirty years he had carried on an extensive practice at Bridgewater. For several years past he had been associated in partnership with his son, Mr. George Lovibond, who was admitted a solicitor in 1869. He was a perpetual commissioner for Somersetshire, and he had been for many years registrar of the Bridgewater County Court (Circuit No. 57), and district registrar under the Judicature Acts. Mr. Lovibond was also clerk to the Lower Brue Drainage Board.

MR. WILLIAM OVEREND, Q.C.

Mr. William Overend, Q.C., died at his residence, West Retford House, on the 24th ult., at the age of seventy-five. Mr. Overend was the son of Mr. Hall Overend, of Sheffield, and was born in 1809. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's-inn in Hilary Term, 1837, when he joined the Northern Circuit and the West Riding Sessions. He received a silk gown from Lord Cranworth in 1855, and upon the re-arrangement of the assizes in 1864 he became a member of the Midland Circuit. He had for several years a fair share of leading business on circuit and at the parliamentary bar. In 1864 he was one of the arbitrators for determining the claims to compensation by reason of the bursting of the great reservoir at Sheffield, and in 1867 he presided over the Royal Commission for inquiring into trades union outrages in the same town. Mr. Overend retired from practice about twelve years ago. He was a bencher of Lincoln's-inn and a magistrate for Nottinghamshire, and a magistrate and deputy-chairman of quarter sessions for the West Riding of Yorkshire. He had taken part in several election contests on the Conservative side. In 1859 he was returned for Pontefract, but he shortly afterwards resigned his seat, and in 1868 he unsuccessfully contested East Derbyshire. Mr. Overend was buried at West Retford on the 30th ult.

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. JOHN WILLIAM MIDDLETON, solicitor (of the firm of Middleton & Sons), of Leeds, has been appointed a Perpetual Commissioner for taking the Acknowledgments of Deeds by Married Women for the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Mr. JAMES MILLS, solicitor, of Beverley, has been elected Town Clerk of that borough, in succession to his partner, the late Mr. Thomas Crust. Mr. Mills was admitted a solicitor in 1865. He is clerk to the borough and county magistrates at Beverley.

Mr. JOHN ARCHIBALD DIXON, solicitor, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead, has been appointed a Commissioner to administer Oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Mr. WILLIAM SAUNDERS HIND, solicitor, of Hull, Beverley, and Withernsea, has been elected Clerk to the School Attendance Committee of the Beverley Town Council. Mr. Hind was admitted a solicitor in 1867. He was, till recently, one of the borough aldermen.

Mr. GEORGE ISAAC GOUGH, solicitor (of the firm of Tucker & Gough), of Caine, has been appointed a Perpetual Commissioner for Wiltshire for taking the Acknowledgments of Deeds by Married Women.

Mr. FREDERICK MITCHELL, solicitor, of Gravesend and Rochester, has been appointed Clerk to the Northfleet School Board. Mr. Mitchell was admitted a solicitor in 1876.

Mr. THOMAS PRICE WILLIS, solicitor, of Winslow, has been appointed clerk to the Stanbridge United District School Board. Mr. Willis is clerk to the county magistrates at Winslow. He was admitted a solicitor in 1862.

Mr. JAMES CORNELIUS O'DOWD, Deputy-Judge Advocate-General, has been created a Civil Companion of the Order of the Bath. Mr. O'Dowd was called to the bar at the Middle Temple in Hilary Term, 1859. He was appointed Deputy-Judge Advocate-General of the Army in 1869, and he is also a member of the Army Purchase Commission.

Mr. GEORGE HERBERT MORRELL, barrister, has been appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire. Mr. Morrell was educated at Exeter College, Oxford, where he graduated second class in Natural Sciences in 1867. He was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in Hilary Term, 1871, and he formerly practised on the Oxford Circuit.

Mr. STANLEY LEIGHTON, barrister, M.P., has been appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant for Shropshire. Mr. Leighton is the son of the late Sir Baldwin Leighton, Bart., and was born in 1837. He was educated at Harrow and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he graduated third class in Law and Modern History in 1858. He was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in Michaelmas Term, 1858, and he formerly practised on the Oxford Circuit. He has been M.P. for the North Division of Shropshire in the Conservative interest since 1876.

Mr. RUSSELL COPPOCK, solicitor, of Stockport, has been appointed a Perpetual Commissioner for Cheshire for taking the Acknowledgments of Deeds by Married Women.

Mr. THOMAS HENRY RAMSDEN, solicitor (of the firm of Ramsden, Sykes, & Ramsden), of Huddersfield and Golcar, has been appointed a Commissioner to receive Affidavits for use in the Province of Quebec.

Mr. ALFRED HENRY COLLINGWOOD, solicitor, of Newport, Pontypool, and Brynmawr, has been appointed Assistant Town Clerk of the Borough of Cardiff. Mr. Collingwood was admitted a solicitor in 1881.

Mr. CHARLES EDWARD LEAKE RINGROSE, barrister, has been elected Registrar of Deeds for the North Riding of Yorkshire. Mr. Ringrose was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1871. He was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in November, 1875, and he is a member of the North-Eastern Circuit.

DISSOLUTIONS OF PARTNERSHIPS.

OSWALD BIRD and HUGH BICKERSTETH, solicitors, No. 30, Watling-street, London. Dec. 31.

JAMES LIVETT DANIELL, NATHANIEL STRICKLAND, and EDWARD TUCKETT DANIELL, solicitors, Bristol (Daniell, Strickland, & Daniell). Dec. 31.

SIR THOMAS PAYNE, EDGAR JAMES PAYNE, THOMAS LAYTON, and HARRY FREDERICK POLLOCK, solicitors, 47, Gresham-house, London (Paines, Layton, & Pollock), as regards the said Thomas Layton. Dec. 31. The business at 47, Gresham-house aforesaid will be carried on by the continuing partners, under the firm of Paine, Son, & Pollock.

JOHN MORGAN, THOMAS LEWIS WHITE, and JOSEPH OAKLEY WHITE, solicitors, Merthyr Tydfil (Morgan, White, & White). Dec. 31. The said John Morgan retires. The said Thomas Lewis White and Joseph Oakley White will continue to carry on business as solicitors at Merthyr Tydfil aforesaid, under the style or firm of White & White.

GERALD SURMAN, EDWARD FRANCIS HENLEY, ALFRED JAMES SOUTH QUEKETT, and THOMAS FRAME, solicitors, No. 35, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London (Surman, Henley, & Co.). Dec. 31. [Gazette, Jan. 2.]

JAMES LEBON CLOUGH and EDWARD FOSTER BROOK, solicitors, Huddersfield (Clough & Brook). Dec. 31.

WALTER KIRKLAND and CHARLES EDWARD LILLEY, solicitors, Eastbourne (Kirkland & Lilley). Dec. 22. The business will in future be conducted by the said Walter Kirkland. [Gazette, Jan. 6.]

LEGAL NEWS.

"A Barrister" writes to the *Times* to "suggest a remedy for the present very defective condition of the *Law Reports*." He says:—"What, apparently, is wanted is some definite responsible head who should be able and powerful enough to say that this or that case shall or shall not be reported; someone, in fact, to stand between those who wish their cases to be reported and the unfortunate profession who have to read them. I think almost everyone will agree that, if one-half of the present cases in the Chancery Division were either cut out altogether or cut down to reasonable limits, the reports would be all the better for the process. What is the use of reporting the judgment of a judge of first instance at a length, say, of six pages, when one and a half suffice for the judgment of the court overruling him? What is wanted is something between the old system and the present, and I would suggest:—(1) That one responsible editor, or two if necessary, be appointed at a salary or salaries sufficient to make it worth the acceptance of a first-rate man; (2) that the reports come out once a quarter instead of monthly; (3) that it be entirely in the discretion of the editor or editors what cases shall be reported; and (4) that the reporters be directed to excise argument and unnecessary portions of judgments as much as possible, and not to report every case with witnesses simply because it is one; and I suggest that judges in the Chancery Division (especially) be requested to shorten their judgments as much as possible. I feel sure if this were done the reports would be vastly improved; and, lastly, but by no means least, the principles upon which a case is decided would be more looked to than they are now. Owing to the multitude of reported cases, diligent search is now made to find a case whose facts are on all fours with the one to be decided, while half a dozen are passed over in which the principle is precisely the same."

Sir Sherston Baker, in an article in the current number of the *National Review*, on the judgment in *The Mignonette case*, argues that the prisoners were not guilty of murder. Among other points he fully explains the case which Puffendorf, in his Law of Nature and Nations (lib. 2, c. 6), without citing any authority, briefly refers to. Sir Sherston states that case was first narrated by a Dutch writer, Nicolaus Tulpius, the author of a Latin work written at Amsterdam in 1641. Tulpius states that the following facts were given to him by eye-witnesses—viz.: Seven Englishmen had prepared themselves in the Island of St. Christopher (one of the Caribbean Islands) for a cruise in a boat of one night only, but a storm drove them so far out to sea that they could not get back to port before seventeen days. One of them proposed that they should cast lots to settle on whose body they should assuage their ravenous hunger. Lots were cast, and the lot fell on him who had proposed it. None wished to perform the office of butcher; and lots were again cast to provide one. The body was afterwards eaten. At length the boat was cast on the shore of the Isle of St. Martin, one of the same group, where the six survivors were treated with kindness by the Dutch, and sent home to St. Christopher. Sir Sherston observes that to understand the account we must notice that Tulpius says that this shocking incident occurred *non ita pridem*, "not so long ago." He wrote in 1641. St. Christopher was first colonized in 1620, both by the French and the English, the former holding the west and east sides of the island, while the latter occupied the northern and southern coasts. Charles I., in 1629, appointed the Earl of Carlisle to be Captain-General of the Caribbean Islands, with power to make laws for the same, and to dispose of all offences by sea or by land. The earl, in his turn, in the same year appointed Sir Thomas Warner to be "sole governor of all the said Island of St. Christopher, alias St. Christoval," and there is no doubt but that Sir Thomas was governor of that island as late as 1643. It is, therefore, evident that the colony, at the time of the above terrible occurrence, was under an English governor; moreover, any person who found himself aggrieved by any judgment delivered in the island could appeal to the Commissioners for Foreign Plantations in London. The sailors, on their return from St. Martin (about seven leagues away), were arrested by some executive officer (*a pretore*), probably the constable, and "their own judge" (*ipsorum iudex*)—that is, the English judge of the colony, as distinguished from the French judge on the same island—let them go, because "the inevitable necessity had washed away their crime."

COURT PAPERS.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.

ROTA OF REGISTRARS IN ATTENDANCE ON

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HILARY Sittings, 1885.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

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Chancery Court, I.

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COURT OF APPEAL.

HILARY Sittings, 1885.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR HILARY Sittings, 1885.

On the first three days of the Sittings the business will be as follows:—

APPEAL COURT I.—Monday, January 12th, Queen's Bench Interlocutory Appeals; Tuesday, January 13th, "The Queen v. Yates," by order, and also Queen's Bench Final Appeals; Wednesday, January 14th, Queen's Bench Interlocutory, and, if necessary, Queen's Bench Final Appeals.

APPEAL COURT II.—Monday, January 12th, Chancery Interlocutory Appeals (Separate List); Tuesday, January 13th, Chancery Final Appeals (General List); Wednesday, January 14th, Chancery Final Appeals (General List)—continued.

On and after Thursday, January 15th, until the Circuits are over, Appeals from the Chancery General List will be taken in both Courts as follows:—

APPEAL COURT I.—From Vice-Chancellor Bacon, Mr. Justice PEARSON, The Palatine Court, and The Bankruptcy Court.

APPEAL COURT II.—From Mr. Justice KAY, Mr. Justice CHITTY, Mr. Justice NORTH, and The Probate and Divorce Division.

The Appeals will be taken in the order as they stand in the General Chancery List, omitting in one Court the Appeals appointed to be taken in the other. The List for each Court may be seen on inquiry on and after Monday next, Jan. 12th, at the Royal Courts of Justice, Room 136.

Queen's Bench Interlocutory Appeals in Court I. and Chancery Interlocutory in Court II., will be taken as usual every Wednesday during the Sittings.

APPEALS FOR HEARING.

(Set down to Saturday, January 3d, inclusive.)

FROM THE CHANCERY DIVISION, THE PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (PROBATE AND DIVORCE), AND THE COUNTY PALATINE AND STANNARIES COURTS.

For Judgment.

The Badische Anilin & Soda Fabrik v Levinstain app of deft from judge of Mr. Justice Pearson (c a v Dec 8—present Lords Justices Baggallay, Bowen, and Fry)

For Hearing.

(General List.)

1883.

Rust v The Victoria Graving Dock Co app of the Victoria Graving Dock Co. from Mr. Justice Field for Mr. Justice Kay July 25

Rust v The Victoria Graving Dock Co app of London & St Katharine Dock Co. from Mr. Justice Field for Mr. Justice Kay July 25 (5 O till April 15 by consent)

In re The Alliance Soc, in voluntary liquidation, and Co's Acts app of H C Godfray from order of Mr. Justice Kay Aug 3 (S O generally by order of July 21, 1884—restored by order)

In re The Cornwall Minerals Ry Co & Co's Act 1867 (claim of New Quay and Cornwall Junction Ry Co) app of the New Quay & Co from Mr. Justice Kay dismissing claim Aug 15

In re The Middlerborough, Redcar, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, &c. Building Society & Co's Acts app of John Dunham from Mr. Justice Pearson Oct 6 (S O until question decided in House of Lords, Nov 17—restored by order)

Hammond v Lord Ashtonbury app of Deft from judge of V C Bacon Nov 19

In re The Southport & West Lancashire Bkg Co Id and Co's Acts app of Henry Bath and Son from order of Mr. Justice Chitty Dec 4

Le Maître v Kidston Kidston v Le Maître (by original action & counter claim) app of plif Le Maître from judge of V C Bacon Dec 5

Webb v Smith & Goldsmith app of deft from part of judge of V C Bacon Dec 6 (Divorce) Georgina Weldon v Wm H Weldon app of resp from order of Sir James Hannan Dec 10

In re The Oregon Gold Mining Co of India Id and Co's Acts app of F Browne from Mr. Justice Kay refusing winding up order Dec 11

Dunn v Flood app of plif from judge of Mr. Justice North Dec. 12

Adams & Co. v Malcolm, Brunker & Co app of defts from judge of Mr. Justice North Dec 15

In re A D Holmes' Share of Residuary Estate of Isaac Holmes dead and 10 & 11 Vict cap 96 app of Liverpool Loan Co from order of V C Bacon Dec 18

Witham v Brooks app of deft Thos Brooks from part of judge of V C Bacon Dec 20

In re The Icelandic Sulphur & Copper Co Id and Co's Acts app of S A Sampson from order of V C Bacon Dec 24

In re Denney, decd Dixon v Denney app of deft from order of Mr. Justice Pearson Dec 29

Brown v Hunter and ors app of plif from judge of Mr. Justice North and original motion for leave to adduce further evidence, by order Dec 29

In re Russell, decd Russell v Shoobred app of defts from order of Mr. Justice Kay Dec 31

In re The Florence Land and Public Works Co Id and Co's Acts (Nicol's case) app of Co and Official Liquidator from order of Mr. Justice Chitty Dec 31

1884.

Gard v Commissioners of Sewers for City of London app of defts from order of Mr. Justice Kay Jan 4

In re The Swiss Unsweetened Milk Co and Co's Acts app of A H Bacon from order of Mr. Justice Chitty Jan 7

In re W Jones, decd, Jones v Jones app of B Jones from judge of Mr. Justice Fry and original motion for leave to amend special case Jan 16

In re The Florence Land and Public Works Co (Tufnel and Ponsonby's case) app of Co and Official Liquidator from order of Mr. Justice Chitty Jan 17

In re J B Rogers Electric Light and Power Co, lnd, and Co's Acts app of J B Rogers from order of V C Bacon Jan 21

Gandy v Reddaway app of plif from judge of Mr. Justice Pearson Jan 26

Weller v Stone app of defts from judge of Mr. Justice Denman for Mr. Justice North Jan 22

In re Elizabeth May, decd, residuary legate of John May, decd (ex pte Charles House) Natl Debt Act, 1870 app of petur (C House) from refusal of Mr. Justice Pearson Feb 1

Lythe v Hart app of deft from judge of Mr. Justice Chitty Feb 4

In re Branford, decd, Branford v Blake, Blake v Vincent, Branford v Branford app of Mary B Branford from pt of judge of Mr. Justice Kay Feb 6 Goldschmidt v Oddy app of plif from judge of Mr. Justice Pearson Feb 6 In re C V W Bedson's Trust in favour of W J Bedson and Children, and 10 & 11 Vict app of A S G Bedson and aur from refusal of Mr. Justice Pearson Feb 12

In re Contract for Sale of Real Estate between Emily Hill and Charles E Hill as vendors and Allen Chapman as purchasers (V and P Act, 1874) app of Emily Hill and aur from order of Mr. Justice Pearson Feb 13 (Divorce) J M Luxmore & her Husband v J H Chambers & ors (Philip Montagu and Wife intervening as pite) app of plif from decree of Sir James Hannan Feb 18

In re John Perriam, decd Perriam v Perriam app of plif from order of Mr. Justice Pearson Feb 14

Farrer v Lacy, Hartland & Co & ors app of deft Francis Day from judge of Mr. Justice North Feb 14

Esdaille v Payne app of plif from judge of Mr. Justice Kay Feb 15

In re Trusts of Will of R M Benson, late of Bristol, tobacconist app of R C Benson and aur (trustees & executors) from refusal of V C Bacon in Chambers Feb 18

Truman v L B and S C Ry Co app of defts from judge of Mr. Justice North Feb 18

Snelling v Pulling app of deft Richard Strong from order of Mr. Justice Pearson Feb 19

In re R Jones's Trade Mark and Trade Mark Registration Acts and opposition of Messrs H J Andrews and Co app of Robert Jones from order of Mr. Justice Chitty Feb 23

In re Watson, decd Watson v Watson app of plif from refusal of V C Bacon Feb 25

In re C F De Rosas, decd Rymer v De Rosas app of J P Patman from order of Mr. Justice North for Mr. Justice Pearson, and notice of contention by Trustees of Montinsiar Charities Feb 29

In re Finsbury Bessemer Steel Hematite Iron and Coal Co Id and Co's Acts app of S W Smith from order of Mr. Justice Kay Feb 29

In re Viscount Exmouth, decd Viscount Exmouth v Pellow app of defts Pellow and Lane from order of Mr. Justice Pearson Feb 29

Hitchmough v Altrees app of deft from judge of Mr. Justice Pearson Mar 4

In re J B Quick, decd Alken v Quick app of Royal Hospital for Incurables and other Charities from Mr. Justice North Mar 5

In re National Arms and Ammunition Co Id and Co's Acts app of Mayor, &c of Birmingham from order of Mr. Justice Chitty In re the same Co app of Overseers of Aston nigh Birmingham from order of Mr. Justice Chitty Mar 6

In re Hy Cousins, the elder, decd In re Hy Cousins, the younger, decd Alexander v Cross app of defts S S Cross and ors from order of V C Bacon Mar 6

(To be continued.)

FROM THE QUEEN'S BENCH AND PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY (ADMIRALTY) DIVISIONS.

For Judgment.

Ship Henrich Bjorn, C & C J Northgate v Owners of the Henrich Bjorn app of defts from judge of the President (o.a.v. June 26 and Dec 20—present Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Bowen and Fry)

Action District Local Board, Middlesex v Lewes (sued, &c.) app of deft from judge of Justices Mathew and Day, affirming county court judge on special case from Brentford (o.a.v. Dec 20—present Master of Rolls and Lords Justices Cotton and Lindley)

For Hearing.

1884.

May v Jacobs app of defts from judge of Mr. Justice Mathew at trial at Lowes (pt hd Nov 21, 1883, by Master of Rolls and Lords Justices Baggallay and Bowen, and adjourned until facts agreed upon—restored by order)

Tate & Sons v Hyllop app of plif from Justices Day and A L Smith settin aside verdict and judge and giving judge for deft—action tried in London by Mr. Justice Manisty April 5

Keshley v Cooke & Sons app of plif from judge of Lord Justice Baggallay at trial at Liverpool April 29

The Queen on the Prosecution of John Abbott v Commissioners of Sewers for Levels within the Parishes of Fobbing and other places (Q.B. Crown Side) app of defts from judge of Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Cave on special case June 4

Information for Libel Edmund Yates plif in error from judge of Mr. Justice Mathew at trial at Lowes (Q.B. Crown side) app of plif in error from judge of the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Williams and Cave as to error on the record June 24 (especially fixed for Jan 18)

Muirhead and ors v The Direct United States Cable Co Id app of defts from judge of Baron Buddleston at trial in Middlesex July 2

The Queen v T W Fletcher and aur Justices for County of Worcester (Q.B. Crown side) app of Prosecutor F Brown from Justices Mathew and Day discharging rule nisi for certiorari and bastardy order July 2

Plenty and Son v Scott and ors app of deft from judge of Baron Pollock at trial July 4

Action transferred from Chancery Division Gas Light and Coke Co v Vestry of St Mary Abbotts Kensington app of defts from judge of Mr. Justice Field at trial July 10

Hallas v Robinson app of plifs from judge of Mr. Justice Butt after trial at Leeds July 10

The Queen v The Commissioners of Sewers for the Levels of Fobbing, Corringham and other places (Q.B. Crown side) app of defts from judge of the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Cave for certiorari for orders of Commr to be quashed when returned July 11

Barker v Lavery app of plif from Justices Mathew and Day directing entry of judge for deft after trial before Mr. Justice Manisty and special jury in Middlesex and verdict for plif July 12

Taylor v The Brockham Brick Co, lnd app of plif from judge of Mr. Justice Grove at trial July 14

Wright v Midland Ry Co app of plif from Justices Grove, Field and Manisty setting aside verdict and judge and directing nonsuit July 15

Seckham v Wright app of plif from judge of Mr. Justice Williams at trial without jury at Northampton Summer Assizes July 17

Yeoman v Raffety and anr app of plt from judgt of Mr Justice Mathew at trial in Middlesex July 18
 Black v Hammond app of plt from judgt of Baron Huddleston at trial July 18
 D'Emery v Measiter app of plt from judgt of Mr Justice Day at trial in Middlesex July 22
 Edmunds v Wallingford app of deft from judgt of Baron Huddleston at trial July 22
 Dew v The Met Ry Co app of deft from judgt of Baron Huddleston at trial July 23
 Parker v Holdsworth app of plt from judgt of Mr Justice Lopes at trial in Middlesex July 23
 Eli Heyworth v Mayor, &c., of the City of London and C H Rhodes (Q B Crown side) app of deft C H Rhodes from judgt of Mr Justice Hawkins on trial of issue in prohibition July 23
 Fraser v Tottenham app of deft from judgt of Baron Huddleston at trial July 25
 Porges v Herz app of plif from judgt of Mr Justice Hawkins at trial without a jury July 26
 Carlton v Bowcock & anr app of defts from judgt of Mr Justice Cave at trial without a jury July 30
 Brown v Luck app of defts from judgt of Mr Justice Cave at trial Aug 1
 Reid & Glasgow v Powers app of defts from judgt of Mr Justice Cave at trial Aug 15
 In re A Dramatic Piece or Musical Composition called "Savanaroa," expts Boosey & Co app of Messrs Boosey & Co from Baron Pollock and Mr Justice Lopes refusing to vary or expunge entry of Authorship in Registry of Copyrights Aug 16
 Dowsett v London, Tilbury and Southend Ry Co app of defts from judgt of Mr Justice Denman at trial at Chelmsford Aug 19
 Seye v Ind Coops & Co app of plt from judgt of the Lord Chief Justice at trial at Winchester Aug 25
 Hopwood v Riley app of deft from judgt of Mr Justice Day at trial at Liverpool Aug 27
 Ship Beeswing (Wages, &c., Liverpool) Gorges Parr v Owners of Beeswing app of pliffs from judgt of Mr Justice Butt (without assessors) Aug 30
 Roberts v Aspinwall app of deft from judgt of Mr Justice Day at trial at Liverpool Sept 1
 Founder v Sharpley app of deft from judgt of Mr Justice Hawkins at trial in Middlesex Sept 5
 Croydale v Fisher app of plif from judgt of Baron Pollock at trial in Middlesex Oct 16

(To be continued.)

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.**CHANCERY DIVISION.****HILARY Sittings, 1885.**

Causes for Trial or Hearing.

(Set down to Saturday, January 3rd, inclusive.)

Motions, Petitions, and Short Causes will be taken on the usual days, as stated in the Hilary Sittings Paper.

Causes with and without Witnesses will be taken by Vice-Chancellor Bacon on the usual Cause days in the order as they stand in the Cause Book.

Mr. Justice Kay will take Witness Causes on the ordinary Cause days until further order.

Mr. Justice Chitty will take Witness Causes on the following days, viz.:—Feb 3, 4, and 5; Feb 10, 11, and 12; Feb 17, 18, and 19; and Feb 24, 25, and 26.

Mr. Justice Pearson will take Witness Causes on days to be named by his Lordship at the commencement of the Sittings.

Mr. Justice North will take Witness Causes every day, in the order as they stand in the Cause Book.

Adjournd Summons will be taken as follows:—Vice-Chancellor Bacon, on Fridays and Saturdays; Mr. Justice Kay, on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; Mr. Justice Chitty, with Non-Witness Actions.

N.B.—Mr. Justice Pearson will take Adjournd Summons as follows:—Class I., with Motions, on Fridays; Classes II. and III., in the Non-Witness List; Class IV., on Fridays and Saturdays. For description of each Class see notice issued by his Lordship's Chief Clerks, dated May 1.

By order of December 29, seventy-five Witness Causes were transferred from Mr. Justice Pearson to Mr. Justice North, and will be found entered in his Lordship's Cause Book for these Sittings.

Before Vice-Chancellor BACON.
 Causes for Trial (with witnesses and without witnesses).

Winter v Ind Coops & Co act wits (not before Mar 15)

Snowden Slate Quarries Co v Griffith act

In re Meyrick Hartman, Gilbert v Lowndes act

In re Harrison Thornburn v Thornburn act

In re Watkins Watkins v Williams act wits

In re Watkins Watkins v Williams act wits

Goulston v Board act wits

Edwards & Co v Duplex Electric Light & Co act wits

Walker v Finalyson & Co act wits

Nail Discount Co of Ireland v Burr act wits

Smith v Count Gustave Baththyany act wits

Eccles v Bury act wits

Lewis v James act wits

In re McWilliam, McWilliam v Wilson act wits

Burr & Co v Nail Discount Co of Ireland act wits
 Willis v Summer act wits
 Barnett v Lyster act wits
 Enthoven v Moxley act wits
 In re Bourne, Bourne v May sp c
 Batten Hobman act
 Withall v Beyton act
 Carlton v Grange act wits
 Stevenson v Prubble act wits
 Smallpiece v Lee m f j wits
 Mills v Pennington act
 Baldock v Elwys m f j
 Haslam v Watson act
 Barker v Mutton act wits
 North v Bathurst act
 Morgan v Bilsco act wits

Before Mr. Justice KAY.
 Causes for Trial (with witnesses).
 In re Trafort, Trafford v Blane act & m f j (not before Feb 9)
 In re Stanisby Stanisby v Stanisby act
 Harper v Bingley act
 Credit Co, Id v Wedde act & m f j
 Brewster v Mana act
 Fyfe v London Finance Assn, Id

Whitaley v Braund act
 Young v Mynyddygong & Co act
 Neathseal Colly Co Id v Green act
 Sheffield v Sheffield act
 In re Haddan's Patent, 1853, No 3,096
 pot
 Claland v Carr act
 Jones v Coal Cas Coal Co, Id act
 Bompas v King, Bart act
 Bastow v Lamb act
 Sidebottom v Rayner act
 Phillips v Edwards act
 Gadson v Emery act
 Earl of Jersey v Woodward act
 Jones v Humphreys act
 In re Beattie Beattie v Beattie adj sums
 Manners v Mow act
 In re Scholefield, Scholefield v Horafall act (not before Feb 1)
 Simpson v Atkinson act
 Turnock v Sartoris act
 Bullers v Dickinson act
 In re Smith, Smith v Went act
 Vinzine v Vinzine act
 Hanson v Wake act
 Went v Sargent act

Before Mr. Justice CHITTY.
 Causes for Trial (with witnesses).
 Dickinson v Dickinson act
 Craig v Trimin act
 Penefather v Elmalle act
 Beauchamp v Campbell act
 Corp v Philbrick Philbrick v Corp act and counter-claim
 In re Finlay decd Finlay v Clarke act
 Wyer v Tonkins act & m f j
 Dodd v Macfay act
 Crowder v Charrington act
 Morony v Newmarket Colls & Co Id act
 The French Date Coffee Co Id v Mason (re-transferred from Q B Division by order)
 Maple v Hartmont act
 Burningham v Howlett act
 In re W Spencer's appn and T M Act adj sums
 Moll v Lydall act
 Dawson v Phoenix Electric Light & Co act
 Fleet v Spalding act
 Phillips v Buller act
 Smith v L & N W Ry Co act
 House Property Invest Co, Ltd v The H P Hora Nail Co, Ltd act
 Leland v Leland adj sums (set down by order)
 Wade v Lynn act
 Board v Stone act
 Crosby v Glangall Workmen's Coffe Palace Co act
 Taylor v Guardians of the Poor of Barnet Union act
 Leeds Permanent Benefit Building Soc v Shoard act
 Brough v Beavis m f j
 In re Cooke, decd Newland v Cooke act
 In re Burnley, decd Tibbets v Taylor act
 Sanderson v Laird act

Before Mr. Justice NORTH.
 Causes for Trial (with witnesses).
 Getting v Lewis Merthyr & Co act
 Lewis Merthyr Co, v Getting act
 In re Matthews Hidder v Powell act
 Bonham v Irvine act
 Raimondi v Gt Western Ry Co act
 Quilter v Tod Heatty act

Causes for Trial (without witnesses) and Adjournd Summons (Classes II. and III.).
 Arnold v Allen act
 In re Morgan Ross v Morgan m f j
 Carnahan v Ireland act
 Lord Muncaster v Skegness Pier Co m f j

(To be continued.)

COMPANIES.**WINDING-UP NOTICES.****JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.****LIMITED IN CHANCERY.**

MIDDLESBRO' FIREBRICK COMPANY, LIMITED.—Petition for winding up, presented Dec 22, directed to be heard before Pearson, J., on Saturday, Jan 17. Ingledew and Co, St Benet's chmbs, Fenchurch st, agents for Parrington, Middlesbrough, solicitor for the petitioners.

STEAMSHIP "SAPPHIRE" COMPANY, LIMITED.—The Vacation Judge has fixed Jan 12 at 12, at the chambers of Chitty, J., for the appointment of an official liquidator.

WARTON LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.—Bacon, V.C., has fixed Jan 12 at 12, at his chambers, for the appointment of an official liquidator

[Gazette, Jan. 2.]

HYDROGEN COMPANY, LIMITED.—By an order made by Pearson, J., dated Dec 17, it was ordered that the company be wound up. Davis and Co, Coleman st, solicitors for the petitioners

MAIL, EXPRESS, AND NEWS AND GENERAL PUBLISHING AND PRINTING SYNDICATE, LIMITED.—Petition for winding up, presented Jan 5, directed to be heard before Kay, J., on Jan 16. Thomas, Cannon st, solicitor for the petitioners [Gazette, Jan. 6.]

LEA BRIDGE, LETCHWORTH, AND WALTHAMSTOW TRAMWAYS COMPANY.—Bacon, V.C., has fixed Thursday, Jan 5, at 12, at his chambers, for the appointment of an official liquidator [Gazette, Jan. 6.]

COUNTY PALATINE OF LANCASTER.

LIMITED IN CHANCERY.

GREAT HARWOOD BUTTS SPINNING COMPANY, LIMITED.—The Vice-Chancellor has fixed Jan 12, at 12, at the Registrar's chambers, Clarence st, Manchester, for the appointment of an official liquidator [Gazette, Jan. 2.]

APPLEY BRIDGE AND WEST LANCSHIRE CORN MILL COMPANY, LIMITED.—Petition for winding up, presented Jan 2, directed to be heard before the Vice-Chancellor Fox Bristow, on Monday, Jan 15, at the Assize Courts, Manchester. Kime and Hammond, Bedford row, agents for Buck and Co, Southport, solicitors for the petitioners [Gazette, Jan. 6.]

UNLIMITED IN CHANCERY.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.—By an order made by Fox Bristow, the Vice-Chancellor, dated Dec 23, it was ordered that the society be wound up. Chew and Sons, Manchester, solicitors for the petitioners [Gazette, Jan. 2.]

THE SPREAD EAGLE BUILDING SOCIETY.—By an order made by Fox Bristow, the Vice-Chancellor, it was ordered that the society be wound up. Chew and Sons, Manchester, solicitors for the petitioners [Gazette, Jan. 2.]

LILY OF THE VALLEY FRIENDLY SOCIETY, Miners' Arms, Tredegar, Monmouth. Dec 31

LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, Fleece Hotel, Gloucester. Dec 24

PEACE AND UNION SOCIETY, Wesleyan Methodist School, Langley, Chester. Dec 31

[Gazette, Jan. 2.]

CREDITORS' CLAIMS.

CREDITORS UNDER ESTATES IN CHANCERY. LAST DAY OF PROOF.

BOURJEARD, PRISCILLA, Grosvenor st, Grosvenor sq. Jan 15. Bradwell v Bourjeard, Kay, J. Bradley, Mark lane

MARSHALL, WILLIAM, Nottingham, Licensed Victualler. Jan 15. Brotherton v Thornton, Bacon, V.C. Maples and McCraith, Nottingham

[Gazette, Dec 19.]

BAKER, WILLIAM, Pemberton, Lancaster, Yeoman. Jan 16. Connell v Baker, Chitty, J. Ellis, Wigan

[Gazette, Dec 23.]

COATES, EZRA JENKS, Gresham House, Old Broad st. Jan 12. Smith v Cooper, Bacon, V.C. Hays, Abchurch lane

FIRTH, JAMES, Halifax, York, Earthenware Dealer. Jan 23. Brier v Firth, Chitty, J. Edwards, Gresham House, Old Broad st

HUGHES, DANIEL, Llwynhendy, Llanelli, Carmarthen, Grocer. Jan 26. Hughes v Hughes, Chitty, J. Rees, Llanelli

LANCASTER, MARY ANN, Hatton wall, Tobacco Manufacturer. Jan 24. Legg v Parsons, Pearson, J. Pearce, Old Broad st

ROBINSON, JOSEPH, Sheffield, Engineer. Jan 26. Robinson v Robinson, Bacon, V.C. Griffiths, Oldham

WILSON, SIR ERASMIUS, Henrietta st, Cavendish sq. Jan 19. Royal College of Surgeons of England v Stephenson, Bacon, V.C. Dowson, Bedford row

[Gazette, Dec. 26.]

MAWSON, GEORGE, Cockermouth, Cumberland, Cornfactor. Jan 30. Semhouse v Mawson, Bacon, V.C. Hayton, Cockermouth

[Gazette, Jan. 2.]

GILBERT, THOMAS, Belton, Leicester, Farmer. Jan 28. Joyce v Husbands, Kay, J. Bartlett, Loughborough

[Gazette, Jan. 6.]

CREDITORS UNDER 22 & 23 VICT. CAP. 35. LAST DAY OF CLAIM.

ALDERSON, WILLIAM LLOYD, Ashstead, Surrey, Esq. Feb 1. Travers and Co, Throgmorton st

ANSELL, HARRY BLAIR, Duke st, St James's, Art Publisher. March 1. Romer, Furnival's inn

AUSTIN, JOSEPH, Alavaston, Derby. Feb 10. Hollis Briggs, Derby

BATEMAN, REBECCA, Barrington rd, Brixton. Feb 2. Young and Co, Essex st, Strand

BATEMAN, THOMAS BEDFORD, Brixton, Gent. Feb 2. Young and Co, Essex st, Strand

BUSH, THOMAS GABRIEL, West End, Southampton, Esq. Jan 31. Green and Moberly, Southampton

CHAPMAN, DAVIES, Sheffield, Cooper. Feb 21. Rodgers and Co, Sheffield

DENTON, WILLIAM HENRY, Falmouth, Cornwall, Esq. Feb 14. Clift, L.L.D., Proctor's lane

FORD, RICHARD JAMES, Bursem, Stafford, Butcher. Jan 31. Mayer, Bursem

HOPETOUN, ETHELRED ANNE, Countess of, Ennismore gdns. Feb 20. Markby and Co, Coleman st

JOLLEY, MARY, Coughton, Chester. Jan 31. Evans and Co, Liverpool

MILBURN, ISABELLA, Carlisle. Feb 15. Dobinson and Watson, Carlisle

MORLEY, MARY ANN, Upper Kennington lane. Feb 1. Bogue, Lincoln's inn fields

MORTLOCK, SARAH, Little Abingdon, Cambridge, Banker. Jan 28. Jackson, Brighton

MYATT, SIMON, Newland, Colton, Stafford, Farmer. Feb 20. Thacker and Cull Cheadle

POTTER, THOMAS, Crawshawbooth, Lancaster, Joiner. Feb 27. Haworth and, Broughton, Accrington

PULLON, GEORGE, Bradford, Yorkshire, Merchant. Jan 20. Arundel, Leeds

RUTTER, RICHARD WOODD, Little Pomona, Shanklin, Isle of Wight. Jan 24.

DEAKIN, Moseley

STAPLE, JOHN, Hertford, Innkeeper. Feb 21. Spence and Co, Hertford

THOMAS, JOHN LEWIS, Carmarthen, Grocer. Feb 1. Barker and Morris, Carmarthen

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM, Tynnewydd, Conwil Elvet, Carmarthen, Esq. Feb 1. Barker and Morris, Carmarthen

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ASLEY, EDWARD, Norton, Radnor, Gent. Jan 20. Temple and Philip, Kington Amptill, His Excellency, WILLIAM ODO LEOPOLD, Baron, Ambassador. Feb 7. Wing and Du Cane, Gray's inn sq

BALL, EDWARD ASH, Chigwell, Essex, Gent. Feb 22. Capel and Co, Whittington avenue, Leadenhall st

BALL, EPHEMIA, Halewood, Worcester, Iron Merchant. Feb 1. Saunders and Bradbury, Birmingham

DAVIES, REV GEORGE JENNINGS, Romsey, Southampton, Clerk. Feb 16. Footner, and Son, Romsey

DRANT, JOSEPH CONSTABLE, Kingston upon Hull, Gent. April 29. Leak and Co, Hull

HAMBROOK, HENRY JOHN, Princes st, Rotherhithe, Gent. Feb 11. Hawks and Co, Borough High st

HORNER, HENRY, Commercial rd East, Ironmonger. Jan 30. Turner, Leadenhall st

HOPETOUN, ETHELRED ANNE, Countess of, Ennismore gdns. Feb 20. Markby and Co, Coleman st

HUDSON, JOHN, Leeds, Wholesale Grocer. Feb 8. Simpson, Leeds

JAEVIS, WILLIAM, Great Percy st, Gent. Feb 7. Hopwood and Sons, Chancery lane

LUKE, JOSEPH, Green lanes, Finsbury park, Doctor of Medicine. March 7. Meadows, Walbrook

MERIGOLD, TIMOTHY, Birmingham, Carriage Builder. Jan 14. Jeffery Parr, Birmingham

REYNOLDS, JOHN, Macclesfield, Gent. Jan 30. Lambert, Manchester

SHIPMAN, REV THOMAS TRAFFORD, Lydiard Tregoz, Wilts, Clerk. Jan 30. Kinneir and Tombs, Swindon

SKINNER, THOMAS, Swindon, Wilts, Lessee of Toll Gates. Feb 28. Kinneir and Tombs, Swindon

STAPLES, JOHN, Hertford, Innkeeper. Feb 21. Spence and Co, Hertford

STONE, JOSEPH, Manchester, Doctor of Medicine. Jan 27. Higson and Son, Manchester

WADSWORTH, WILLIAM, Skelmanthorpe, York, Higgler. Feb 1. Laycock and Co, Huddersfield

WHITELEY, SAMUEL, Halifax, Cotton Spinner. March 21. North and Sons, Leeds

WHITTERTON, ELIZABETH ANN, Ashton on Mersey, Chester. Jan 31. Gaunt, Manchester

WRIGHT, HENRY, Tunney Park rd, Holloway, Tobacco Manufacturer. Feb 12. Hicks and Son, Gray's inn sq

[Gazette, Dec. 30.]

LONDON GAZETTES.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1882.

TUESDAY, Jan. 2, 1885.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

Ashworth, John, Bacup, Lancashire, Share Broker. Oldham. Pet Dec 15. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 20 at 12

Baggally, John, Thomas Weston Baggally, and Robert Spence, Love lane, Wood st, Warehouses. High Court. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Feb 11 at 11, at 34, Lincoln's inn fields

Blunt, George, Loughborough, Leicestershire, Licensed Victualler. Leicester. Pet Dec 20. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 14 at 10

Brown, Charles Fleming, Colton, Lancashire, Hotel Proprietor. Ulverston and Barrow-in-Furness. Pet Dec 22. Ord Dec 22. Exam Jan 19 at 1.30 at Temperance Hall, Ulverston

Burrows, Joseph, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, out of business. Chesterfield. Pet Dec 22. Ord Dec 29. Exam Feb 11

Cator, Robert, Bath, Common Brewer. Bath. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 22 at 12

Clarkson, George Richard, Carnarvon, Brewer. Burton-on-Trent. Pet Dec 17. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 21 at 1.30

Cooke, John Charles, Sheffield, Grocer. Sheffield. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30. Exam Jan 22 at 11.30

Currie, Philip, Salford, Lancashire, Provision Merchant. Salford. Pet Dec 10. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 21 at 11

Dawson, Andrew, Leeds, Painter. Leeds. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 20 at 11

Dindale, John, Newcastle-on-Tyne Boot Dealer. Newcastle-on-Tyne. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 18

Eagles, Henry, Birmingham, General Factor. Birmingham. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 15 at 2

Evans, Thomas, West Derby, Lancashire, Printer. Liverpool. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 12 at 1.30 at Court house, Victoria st, Liverpool

Eynon, Martha, Rhymney, Monmouthshire, Draper. Tredegar. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 20 at 11

Gore, R. Manley, Outlands, Ilford, Sussex, Gent. Lewes and Eastbourne. Pet Dec 5. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 30 at 11

Greenfield, George, East Dereham, Grocer. Norwich. Pet Dec 27. Ord Dec 29. Jan 14 at 2 at Shirehall, Norwich Castle

Greenwood, Thomas, Halifax, Hotel Proprietor. Halifax. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30. Exam Jan 15

Harris, John, Willington, Durham, Grocer. Durham. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 13 at 11

Harvey, Eliza, Bristol, Dealer in Sewing Machines. Bristol. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 30 at 12 at Guildhall, Bristol

Hodgson, Robert Robson, Scackleton, nr Hovingham, Yorkshire, out of business. York. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 21

Hyam, Ellis, Nottingham, Tailor. Nottingham. Pet Dec 19. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 20

Johnson, William Lee, Birmingham, Tobacconist. Birmingham. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 14 at 2

Kiernan, Thomas Bernard, Little Heaton, Lancashire, out of business. Salford. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30. Exam Jan 14 at 2

King, Henry Sherwen, Newport, I.W., Farmer. Newport and Ryde. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30. Exam Jan 14 at 10 at Townhall, Ryde

Lowe, John, Newcastle on Tyne, Shoemaker. Newcastle on Tyne. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 13

Mitchiner, James Henry, and William Charles Lynne, The Corn Exchanges, Mark lane, Corn Merchants. High Court. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Feb 5 at 11 at 24, Lincoln's inn fields

Moseley, William, Manchester, Cabinet Maker. Salford. Pet Nov 20. Ord Dec 31. Pet Jan 21 at 11

Mounsey, Thomas, New Holland, Barrow on Humber, Grocer. Gt Grimsby. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 21 at 11 at Townhall, Gt Grimsby

Parker, James, Warthill, Yorkshire, Innkeeper. York. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30. Pet Jan 12

Partridge, Thomas James Harris, Musbury, Devonshire, Candle Manufacturer. Exeter. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 15 at 11

Preesberger, Mendel, Liverpool, General Draper. Liverpool. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 15 at 11.30 at Court house, Liverpool

Richardson, Charles, Shotley Bridge, Durham, Lessee of the Shotley Bridge Spa, Newcastle on Tyne. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30. Exam Jan 8

Risbroke, Angelina, Bury St Edmunds, Widow. Bury St Edmunds. Pet Dec 17. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 15 at 2 at Guildhall, Bury St Edmunds

Roth, Julius, Old Kent rd, Tailor. High Court. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 27 at 11.30 at 24, Lincoln's inn fields

Simkins, Henry, Friars st, Blackfriars, Grocer. High Court. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 27 at 11.30 at 24, Lincoln's inn fields

Skingle, Jabez, Bristol, Photographer. Bristol. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 30 at 12 at Guildhall, Bristol.
 Smith, Nicholas, Higher Brixham, Devonshire, Master Mariner. East Stonehouse. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 19.
 Westacott, James, York, Tailor. York. Pet Dec 24. Ord Dec 24. Exam Jan 12.
 Wheeldon, Henry, Belper, Derbyshire, Cabinet Maker. Derby. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30. Exam Jan 17 at 10.
 Wood, William Page, Lichfield, Staffordshire, Licensed Victualler. Walsall. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 21 at 3.
 Woodward, Edith Mary, Cardiff, Grocer. Cardiff. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29. Exam Jan 25 at 2.

FIRST MEETINGS.

Adams, John, Brighton, Licensed Victualler. Jan 14 at 2.30. Official Receiver, 39, Bond st Brighton.
 Barton, Elias, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, Farmer. Jan 9 at 3. Mr. Scott, Berkeley.
 Barton, Richard, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, Farmer. Jan 9 at 4. Mr. Scott, Berkeley.
 Blunt, George, Loughborough, Leicestershire, Licensed Victualler. Jan 12 at 3. Official Receiver, 28, Friar lane, Loughborough.
 Bolt, Henry, Wimbledon, Surrey, Builder. Jan 9 at 11. 29, St Swithin's lane.
 Boughton, John King, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, Coal Merchant. Jan 14 at 11.30. County Court Office, Aylesbury.
 Boulton, John, Alcester, Warwickshire, Licensed Victualler. Jan 12 at 12.15. The Lord Nelson Inn, Alcester.
 Brain, John, Pickering, Yorkshire, Tanner. Jan 9 at 12.30. The Station Hotel, York.
 Burrows, Joseph, Chesterfield, Derby, out of business. Jan 9 at 3.30. Official Receiver, St James's chbrs, Derby.
 Clark, Noah, Stock's Moor, nr Wakefield, Coal Miner. Jan 12 at 11. Official Receiver, Wakefield.
 Cooke, John Charles, Sheffield, Grocer. Jan 12 at 11. Official Receiver, Figgtree lane, Sheffield.
 Dawson, Andrew, Leeds, Painter. Jan 12 at 11. Official Receiver, 22, Park row, Leeds.
 Dendale, George William, Brockley, Kent, Plumber. Jan 12 at 12. Official Receiver, 109, Victoria st, Westminster.
 Dinsdale, John, Newcastle on Tyne, Boot Dealer. Jan 13 at 2. Official Receiver, County chbrs, Westgate rd, Newcastle on Tyne.
 Dudley, Annie, Warwick st, Pimlico, Dressmaker. Jan 9 at 1. 33, Carey st, Lincoln's Inn.
 Eagles, Henry, Birmingham, General Factor. Jan 13 at 11. Official Receiver, Whitehall chbrs, Colmore row, Birmingham.
 Faggett, Henry, Bellenden rd, Peckham, Builder. Jan 12 at 1. 33, Carey st, Lincoln's Inn.
 Ashworth, John, Bacup, Lancashire, Sharebroker. Jan 12 at 3.30. Market Hotel, Bacup.
 Fricker, Henry, High st, Brentford, Provision Dealer. Jan 9 at 3. 29, St Swithin's lane.
 Gore, R. Manley, Oatlands, Ilford, Sussex, Gent. Jan 13 at 1.30. Star Hotel, Lewes.
 Greenfield, George, East Dereham, Norfolk, Grocer. Jan 9 at 12. Official Receiver, Queen st, Norwich.
 Gunnell, Edward, Stoneleigh, Kingsland, Herefordshire, Wine Merchant. Jan 9 at 12. Bankruptcy bldgs, Portugal st, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Harris, Henry Lawrence, Argyll st, Regent st, Accountant. Jan 13 at 2. Bankruptcy bldgs, Portugal st, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Harvey, Eliza, Bristol, Dealer in Sewing Machines. Jan 12 at 1. Official Receiver, Bank chbrs, Bristol.
 Hensby, George, Tottenham, Builder. Jan 9 at 12.30. 29, St Swithin's lane.
 Hunt, Charles Jared, Southampton st, Camberwell, Soap Manufacturer. Jan 20 at 2. Bankruptcy bldgs, Portugal st, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Hyam, Ellis, Nottingham, Tailor. Jan 12 at 2.30. Official Receiver, Exchange walk, Nottingham.
 Izon, Henry George, Birmingham, Case Maker. Jan 9 at 11. Official Receiver, Whitehall chbrs, Colmore row, Birmingham.
 Johnson, William Lee, Birmingham, Tobacconist. Jan 14 at 11. Official Receiver, Birmingham.
 Lowes, John, Newcastle on Tyne, Shoemaker. Jan 13 at 2.30. Official Receiver, County chbrs, Westgate rd, Newcastle on Tyne.
 Luck, Alexander Batturs, Lewisham, Kent, Ironmonger. Jan 9 at 11. Official Receiver, 109, Victoria st, Westminster.
 Nash, William Kelsey, 50, High st, Wandsworth, Builders' Merchant. Jan 12 at 8. Official Receiver, 109, Victoria st, Westminster.
 Palmer, George Smith, Grand Promenade, Brixton, Chemist. Jan 13 at 11. Bankruptcy bldgs, Portugal st, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Parker, James, Warthill, Yorkshire, Innkeeper. Jan 10 at 2. Official Receiver, York.
 Parker, John Thomas, Lichfield, Schoolmaster. Jan 15 at 11. Official Receiver, Bridge st, Walsall.
 Partridge, Thomas James Harris, Musbury, Devonshire, Candle Manufacturer. Jan 12 at 3. Castle of Exeter at Exeter.
 Richardson, Charles, Shotley Bridge, Durham, Lessee of Shotley Bridge Spa. Jan 10 at 11. Official Receiver, County chbrs, Westgate rd, Newcastle on Tyne.
 Roberts, W., jun, Anfield, Liverpool, out of business. Jan 13 at 2. Official Receiver, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool.
 Searle, John Francis, Sheffield, Hatter. Jan 12 at 12. Official Receiver, Figgtree lane, Sheffield.
 Skingle, Jabez, Bristol, Photographer. Jan 12 at 12.30. Official Receiver, Bank chbrs, Bristol.
 Smith, Nicholas, Higher Brixham, Devonshire, Master Mariner. Jan 10 at 2. Bolton Hotel, Brixham, Devon.
 Soper, William, Reading, Berkshire, Gunmaker. Jan 10 at 12. Queen's Hotel, Reading.
 Swainston, Mathew William, Darlington, Bicycle Manufacturer. Jan 12 at 12. Official Receiver, 8, Albert rd, Middlesbrough.
 Temple, John, Old Saltburn by the Sea, Yorkshire, Licensed Victualler. Jan 12 at 11. Official Receiver, 8, Albert rd, Middlesbrough.
 Westacott, James, York, Tailor. Jan 10 at 12. Official Receiver, York.
 Wheeldon, Henry, Belper, Derbyshire, Cabinet Maker. Jan 9 at 2.30. Official Receiver, St James's chbrs, Derby.
 Whitaker, John, Burnley, Lancashire, Confectioner. Jan 12 at 4. Exchange Hotel, Nicholas st, Burnley.
 Whittaker, John Milton, Burnley, Lancashire, Draper. Jan 12 at 3. Exchange Hotel, Nicholas st, Burnley.
 Whittington, Joseph C., Manchester, Jeweller. Jan 16 at 3. Official Receiver, Ogden's chbrs, Bridge st, Manchester.

ADJUDICATIONS.

Adams, Frank Augustus, Bolton, Lancashire, Boot Dealer. Bolton. Pet Dec 23. Ord Dec 30.
 Barton, Richard, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, Farmer. Gloucester. Pet Dec 15. Ord Dec 31.
 Breathwaite, Joseph, Friargate, Derby, out of business. Derby. Pet Dec 12. Ord Dec 31.
 Cohen, Henry, Devonshire villas, Kilburn. High Court. Pet Sept 23. Ord Dec 29.
 Coney, Stephen, Rottingdean, Sussex, Builder. Brighton. Pet Nov 20. Ord Dec 31.
 Cooke, John Charles, Sheffield, Grocer. Sheffield. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30.

Cowie, John Edward, Stoke upon Trent, Coal Merchant. Stoke upon Trent and Longton. Pet Nov 27. Ord Dec 4.
 Cox, Alfred, Wolverhampton, Pork Butcher. Wolverhampton. Pet Dec 10. Ord Dec 29.
 Drew, Henry, Abbey Wood, Kent, Cowkeeper. Greenwich. Pet Nov 21. Ord Dec 31.
 Farquharson, Alexander, Cleator Moor, Cumberland, Baker. Whitehaven. Pet Dec 18. Ord Dec 31.
 Francis, Rachel, and James Charles Francis, Newport, Monmouthshire, Fruit Merchants. Newport, Mon. Pet Nov 25. Ord Dec 30.
 Gould, Richard, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Grocer. Pembroke Dock. Pet Dec 12. Ord Dec 31.
 Harvey, Eliza, Bristol, Dealer in Sewing Machines. Bristol. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29.
 Holmes, Alfred, Oswestry, Shropshire, Yeast Dealer. Wrexham. Pet Dec 8. Ord Dec 29.
 Hunter, John, Newcastle on Tyne, Commission Agent. Newcastle on Tyne. Pet Dec 17. Ord Dec 31.
 Jeavons, John, Dudley, Worcestershire, Contractor. Dudley. Pet Dec 11. Ord Dec 29.
 Kiernan, Thomas Bernard, Little Heaton, Lancashire, Out of business. Salford. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30.
 King, Henry Sherwen, Newport, I.W., Farmer. Newport and Ryde. Pet Dec 30. Ord Dec 30.
 Lee, Edwin, Coventry, Silver Watch-case Maker. Coventry. Pet Dec 11. Ord Dec 29.
 Lewis, Robert, Dyer's bldgs, Holborn, Electro-plate Dealer. High Court. Pet Oct 25. Ord Dec 29.
 Margison, John Yates, Kingston upon Hull, Auctioneer. Kingston upon Hull. Pet Dec 5. Ord Dec 31.
 Milner, James, and David Milnes, jun., Tunshill Hey, nr Littleborough, Lancashire, Fulling Millers. Oldham. Pet Dec 8. Ord Dec 29.
 Nash, William Kelsay, High st, Wandsworth, Builders' Merchant. Wandsworth. Pet Dec 23. Ord Dec 30.
 Onward, Edward Henry, Wolverhampton, Licensed Hawker. Wolverhampton. Pet Dec 19. Ord Dec 29.
 Partridge, Thomas James Harris, Musbury, Devonshire, Candle Manufacturer. Exeter. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 29.
 Pate, William, Landport, Hampshire, Tailor. Portsmouth. Pet Nov 29. Ord Dec 22.
 Raine, John, Sunderland, Coal Merchant. Sunderland. Pet Dec 6. Ord Dec 31.
 Reay, Robert Hodge, Newcastle on Tyne, Hairdresser. Newcastle on Tyne. Pet Dec 19. Pet Dec 23.
 Roberts, Ephraim John, Meppershall, Bedfordshire, Baker. Bedford. Pet Nov 26. Ord Dec 18.
 Roberts, John, Cleator Moor, Cumberland, Ironmonger. Whitehaven. Pet Dec 10. Ord Dec 29.
 Shelley, John, Wolverhampton, Wood Dealer. Wolverhampton. Pet Dec 10. Ord Dec 29.
 Swainston, Matthew William, Darlington, Bicycle Manufacturer. Stockton on Tees and Middlesbrough. Pet Dec 23. Ord Dec 29.
 Tomlinson, Thomas, Bamford, nr Rochdale, Lancashire, Fulling Miller. Bolton. Pet Dec 3. Ord Dec 31.
 Windross, George, Whitehaven, Cumberland, Newspaper Publisher. Whitehaven. Pet Dec 22. Ord Dec 29.
 Wood, William Page, Lichfield, Licensed Victualler. Wallsall. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6, 1885.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

Barker, John, Leeds, Provision Dealer. Leeds. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 20 at 11.
 Brown, Henry James, Caister, nr Gt Yarmouth, Fishing Boat Owner. Gt Yarmouth. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 19 at 2.30 at Townhall, Gt Yarmouth.
 Collins, James, Haverfordwest, of no occupation. Pembroke Dock. Pet Jan 2. Ord Jan 3. Exam Jan 21 at 2 at Temperance Hall, Pembroke Dock.
 Coombe, Robert Weston, and Francis Wood Coombe, Huxham, Devonshire, Paper Manufacturers. Exeter. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 15 at 11.
 Crowther, David, and Murgatroyd Crowther, Elland, Yorkshire, Joiners. Halifax. Pet Jan 3. Ord Jan 3. Exam Feb 12.
 Davies, Thomas, Anfield, nr Liverpool, Builder. Liverpool. Pet Dec 20. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 12 at 12 at Court house, Victoria st, Liverpool.
 De Merville, Eloise Katherine, Sevenoaks, Kent, Schoolmistress. Tonbridge Wells. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 27 at 2.30.
 Goodwin, John Frederick, Winchester, Builder. Winchester. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 21.
 Hislop, Edward, and Thomas Watson Mackwood, Corn Exchange chbrs, Seething lane, Merchants. High Court. Pet Dec 17. Ord Jan 3. Exam Feb 13 at 11 at 34, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Houghton, George William, Liverpool, Tailor. Liverpool. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 12 at 12 at Court house, Liverpool.
 Howard, Edward, Upper Gloucester pl, Dorset sq, Builder. High Court. Pet Dec 10. Ord Jan 1. Exam Feb 13 at 11 at 34, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Jones, William Solomon, Liverpool, Slave Merchant. Bangor. Pet Dec 12. Ord Jan 2. Exam Jan 26 at 12.30.
 Northrop, Isaac, Bradford, Worsted Coating Manufacturer. Bradford. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Feb 12 at 11 at 34, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Peacock, Peter, Lombard st, High Court. Pet Dec 13. Ord Jan 2. Exam Feb 12 at 11 at 34, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Richardson, George, Harrogate, no occupation. York. Pet Jan 2. Ord Jan 2. Exam Jan 21 at 11.
 Rodgers, Charles, Minster gates, York, Draper. York. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 21 at 11.
 Romens, Thomas, Wrotham, Kent, Chemist. Tonbridge Wells. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 27 at 2.30.
 Salmon, Charles Goodwin, Henry Robert Woods, and Esther Woods, Gorleston, Suffolk, Fishing Boat Owners. Gt Yarmouth. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31. Exam Jan 19 at 2.30 at Townhall, Gt Yarmouth.
 Saywell, Alfred, Nottingham, Lacemaker. Nottingham. Pet Jan 3. Ord Jan 3. Exam Jan 20.
 Spivey, Charles, Liverpool, Tobacconist. Liverpool. Pet Jan 2. Ord Jan 3. Exam Jan 15 at 11 at Court House, Victoria st, Liverpool.
 Sprague, William, Heligham, Norfolk, Woolen Draper. Norwich. Pet Jan 3. Ord Jan 3. Exam Feb 18 at 2 at Shirehall, Norwich Castle.
 Steamer, Joseph, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury, Mason. Dewsbury. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Feb 3.
 Street, Samuel Percy, Radipole, Dorsetshire, Solicitor. Dorchester. Pet Dec 30. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 22 at 12.30 at County hall, Dorchester.
 Thomas, James Martin, Stoke Newton rd, Ironmonger. High Court. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Jan 1. Exam Feb 10 at 11 at 34, Lincoln's Inn fields.
 Tonkyn, Walter, and William Newbigging, Bradford, Worsted Spinners. Bradford. Pet Dec 22. Ord Jan 2. Exam Jan 27 at 12.

Truninger, John Ulrich, Threadneedle st, Foreign Banker. High Court. Pet Jan 3. Ord Jan 3. Exam Feb 24 at 11 at 24, Lincoln's Inn fields	Vile, William Hepper, and James Henry Heyburne, Newport, Monmouthshire, Aerated Water Manufacturers. Jan 16 at 12. Official Receiver, 34, Bridge st, Newport, Mon
Vile, William Hepper, and James Henry Heyburne, Newport, Monmouthshire, Aerated Water Manufacturers. Newport, Mon. Pet Jan 2. Ord Jan 2. Exam Jan 16 at 11	Waters, Samuel, Walworth rd, Confectioner, Jan 13 at 1. Bankruptcy bldgs, Portugal st, Lincoln's Inn fields
Wadham, Samuel Thomas, Kildare gardens, Bayswater, Railway Clerk. High Court. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 2. Exam Feb 10 at 11 at 34, Lincoln's Inn fields	Whichever, Harcourt, Brockley, Kent, Traveller. Jan 13 at 11. Official Receiver, 100, Victoria st, Westminster
Williamson, Thomas James, Charterhouse st, Coffee House Keeper. High Court. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 1. Exam Feb 10 at 11 at 34, Lincoln's Inn fields	Wood, William Page, Lichfield, Staffordshire, Licensed Victualler. Jan 14 at 3.0. Official Receiver, Bridge st, Walsall
FIRST MEETINGS.	ADJUDICATIONS.
Alderman, John, Soho sq, Invalid Carriage Manufacturer. Jan 16 at 2. Bankrupt bldgs, Portugal st, Lincoln's Inn fields	Barker, John, Leeds, Provision Dealer. Leeds. Pet Dec 31. Ord Dec 31
Atherton, Webster, Liverpool, Accountant. Jan 15 at 2. Official Receiver, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool	Carey, Edward, Brixton rd, Engineer. High Court. Pet Nov 18. Ord Dec 31
Barker, John, Leeds, Provision Dealer. Jan 14 at 11. Official Receiver, St Andrew's chbrs, 22, Park row, Leeds	Clay, John Bellfield, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, Maltster. Derby. Pet Dec 3. Ord Jan 2
Breasler, Adolphus, Liverpool, Merchant. Jan 15 at 3. Official Receiver, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool	Corelli, Armand Henry, Liverpool, Wine Merchant. High Court. Pet Aug 1. Ord Dec 31
Brown, Henry James, Caister, nr Gt Yarmouth, Fishing Boat Owner. Jan 13 at 2.0. Lovewell Blake, South Quay, Gt Yarmouth	Crook, Robert King, Lowestoft, Suffolk, Draper. Gt Yarmouth. Pet Dec 15. Ord Jan 3
Capper, Joseph, Oldham, Lancashire, Boot Dealer. Jan 14 at 12. Royal Hotel, Crewe	Davies, William, Leigh rd, Highbury pk, out of business. High Court. Pet Dec 3. Ord Jan 2
Cator, Robert, Bath, Brewer. Jan 14 at 12.30. White Lion Hotel, Bath	Dawson, Andrew, Leeds, Painter. Leeds. Pet Dec 29. Ord Dec 31
Clarkson, George Richard, Carnarvon, Brewer. Jan 14 at 12.30. White Hart, Burton	Dinsdale, John, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Boot Dealer. Newcastle-on-Tyne. Pet Dec 31. Ord Jan 2
Collins, James, Haverfordwest, no occupation. Jan 18 at 11.30. Castle Hotel, Haverfordwest	Endox, George, Lower pl rd, Peckham, Licensed Victualler. High Court. Pet Nov 28. Ord Dec 31
Coombe, Robert Weston, and Francis Wood Coombe, Huxham, Devonshire, Paper Manufacturers. Jan 14 at 11. Castle of Exeter at Exeter	Eynon, Martha, Rhymney, Monmouthshire, Draper. Tredegar. Pet Dec 31. Ord Jan 2
Crowther, David, and Murgatroyd Crowther, Elland, Yorkshire, Joiners. Jan 14 at 12. Official Receiver, Townhall chbrs, Halifax	Fricker, Henry, Brentford, Provision Merchant. Brentford. Pet Dec 16. Ord Jan 1
Currie, Philip, Salford, Provision Merchant. Jan 21 at 11.45. Court house, Encombe pl, Salford	Gallon, William, Forest lane, Stratford, out of business. High Court. Pet Nov 28. Ord Dec 31
De Merville, Eloise Katherine, Sevenoaks, Kent, Schoolmistress. Jan 15 at 12.15, Cheapside	Goodwin, John Frederick, Winchester, Builder. Winchester. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 3
Desvignes, Joseph, Lavender grove, Dalston, no occupation. Jan 19 at 1.33, Carey st, Lincoln's Inn	Greenfield, George, East Dereham, Norfolk, Grocer. Norwich. Pet Dec 27. Ord Jan 2
Ellis, William Cutmore, Ivy Cottage Estate, Uxbridge rd, Builder. Jan 16 at 11.33, Carey st, Lincoln's Inn	Hemmings, James Frederick, St Leonards-on-Sea, Mineral Water Maker. Hastings. Pet Nov 3. Ord Dec 31
Evans, Thomas, West Derby, Lancashire, Printer. Jan 14 at 3. Official Receiver, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool	Johnson, William Henry, Brighton, Auctioneer's Clerk. Brighton. Pet Nov 13. Ord Jan 3
Eynon, Martha, Rhymney, Monmouthshire, Draper. Jan 13 at 12. Official Receiver, Merthyr Tydfil	Lincoln, George Doring, Norwich, Chimney Sweep. Norwich. Pet Dec 31. Ord Jan 3
Goodwin, John Frederick, Winchester, Builder. Jan 15 at 2. Official Receiver, 11, Jewry st, Winchester	Linfeld, Thomas, Wayford st, Clapham Junction, Builder's Clerk. Wandsworth. Pet Nov 18. Ord Jan 2
Greenwood, Thomas, Halifax, Hotel Proprietor. Jan 14 at 11. Official Receiver, Townhall chbrs, Halifax	McNae, Robert, Rostrevor terr, Fulham, Auctioneer. High Court. Pet Nov 4. Ord Jan 2
Hodgson, Robert Robson, Seckleton, nr Hovingham, Yorksire, out of business. Jan 15 at 11. Official Receiver, York	Mounsey, Thomas, Barrow on Humber, Grocer. Great Grimsby. Pet Dec 31. Ord Jan 2
Houghton, George William, Higher Tramore, Cheshire, Tailor. Jan 16 at 2. Official Receiver, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool	Page, Thomas George, Worthing, Sussex, Market Gardener. Brighton. Pet Oct 27. Ord Jan 3
Kierman, Thomas Bernard, Little Heaton, Lancashire, out of business. Jan 14 at 2.0. Court House, Encombe pl, Salford	Palmer, Alfred, Birmingham, Contractor. Birmingham. Pet Nov 28. Ord Jan 2
King, Henry Sherwin, Newport, I.W., Farmer. Jan 13 at 2. Official Receiver, Newport	Presberger, Mendel, Liverpool, General Draper. Liverpool. Pet Dec 30. Ord Jan 1
Lincoln, George Doring, Grapes Hill, Norwich, Chimney Sweep. Jan 13 at 12. Official Receiver, Queen st, Norwich	Rixon, George, Regent st, Club Manager. High Court. Pet Nov 8. Ord Dec 31
Moseley, William, Manchester, Cabinetmaker. Jan 21 at 11.30. Court House, Encombe pl, Salford	Saywell, Alfred, Nottingham, Lacemaker. Nottingham. Pet Jan 8. Ord Jan 3
Mounsey, Thomas, Barrow on Humber, Grocer. Jan 14 at 11.30. Incorporated Law Society, Bowalley lane, Hull	Spivey, Charles, Liverpool, Tobacconist. Liverpool. Pet Jan 2. Ord Jan 3
Presberger, Mendel, Liverpool, General Draper. Jan 16 at 3. Official Receiver, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool	Stainer, Joseph, Dewsbury Moor, Yorkshire, Mason. Dewsbury. Pet Jan 1. Ord Jan 3
Richardson, George, Coningsby, Lincolnshire, no occupation. Jan 13 at 12.30. Official Receiver, York	Stockton, Robert Lloyd, Walton, nr Liverpool, Book-keeper. Liverpool. Pet Oct 10. Ord Jan 1
Rimmer, Charles Percy, Lee, Kent, Gent. Jan 14 at 12. Official Receiver, 109, Victoria st, Westminster	Sabiston, Alexander, Liverpool, Printer. Liverpool. Pet Oct 10. Ord Jan 1
Rishbrooke, Angelina, Bury St Edmunds, Widow. Jan 14 at 12.45. Guildhall, Bury St Edmunds	Wilson, Joseph, Late Burn, nr Selby, Yorkshire, Out of business. York. Pet Dec 19. Ord Jan 2
Rogers, Charles, Minster Gates, York, Draper. Jan 14 at 12. Official Receiver, York	Woodward, Edith Mary, Cardiff, Grocer. Cardiff. Pet Dec 29. Ord Jan 1
Romans, Thomas, Wrotham, Kent, Chemist. Jan 14 at 3. Victoria Hotel, Maidstone	
Salmon, Charles Goodwin, Henry Robert Woods, and Esther Woods, Gorleston, Suffolk, Fishing Boat Owners. Jan 15 at 3. Mr. Lovewell Blake, South Quay, Gt Yarmouth	
Spyve, Charles, Liverpool, Tobacconist. Jan 16 at 12. Official Receiver, 35, Victoria st, Liverpool	
Stainer, Joseph, Dewsbury Moor, Yorkshire, Mason. Jan 15 at 3. Official Receiver, Bank chbrs, Batley	
Street, Samuel Percy, Radipole, Dorsetshire, Solicitor. Jan 14 at 1. Royal Hotel, Weymouth	

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